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Home Secretary Alan Johnson (right) visited the Port of Dover with Gwyn Prosser, the Labour MP for Dover and Deal, before heading to Buckland's Canada estate, where residents are fighting back after years of problems with antisocial behaviour. 'It goes to show that community spirit is alive and well here,' said Mr Johnson after talking to people on the estate. 'Along with the local police, residents have helped to reduce crime in their area'.

■ BY NICK AMES

THE Canada estate in Dover, which once suffered drug- and violence-related problems so severe that people were scared to leave their homes, has been held up as a model of how communities can beat crime.

Home Secretary Alan Johnson visited Buckland's Canada estate last week to learn how communities have worked with Government agencies to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour in the area.

The area has seen a 30 per cent reduction in crime in the last 12 months.

This has coincided with the introduction of community activities at a centre where Mr Johnson and Gwyn Prosser, the Labour MP for Dover and Deal, met Buckland ward Labour councillors Ann and Mick Smith, the local PCSO and other residents.

Mr Johnson and Mr Prosser – who had both earlier visited the Port of Dover – hailed the success of the initiative against crime and said it showed a way forward for other communities across the UK facing similar problems.

"It shows what people can do if they work together," said Mr Johnson, who singled out husband-and-wife team Ann and Mick Smith for particular praise.

The couple have lived on the Canada estate in Buckland for 14 years. Sick of the backdrop of crime, drugs and antisocial behaviour, they set up the Canada Residents Association.

This network of local residents meets monthly to discuss problems on the estate and

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Wage freeze for district's council staff

■ BY NICK AMES

STAFF employed by Dover District Council will have their wages frozen under the authority's latest budget proposals.

It says the move was taken to help cope with the economic situation and to maintain "low-taxing" levels.

Bosses say it also reflects current local-authority procedure and thinking across the UK.

Council workers will receive no inflationary annual pay award under the terms of the 2010/11 budget approved by the DDC cabinet at a recent meeting.

The council's total wage bill is about £11 million per year – so a rise of just one per cent on salaries would cost in the region of £110,000.

Nadeem Aziz, DDC chief executive, said: "These are challenging economic times and public finances are under extreme pressure."

"As part of our commitment to remain a low-taxing authority, the 2010/11 budget is proposing that staff at the council receive no inflationary annual pay award."

"Staff are of course part of the wider community and are aware of the economic reality of the times we are in."



HARD TIMES: DDC chief executive Nadeem Aziz says council finances are under pressure

"This reflects the national situation, where the National Employers' Organisation For Local Government Services has announced that local-government employers are unable to offer any increase in pay for 2010/11."

The budget, which will go before the full council for approval on Wednesday, March 3, includes an increase of 2.5 per cent for the council tax precept allocated to DDC.

This means a rise of £3.87 to £158.94 per year for a property in band D.

Get show tickets and help our heroes

TICKETS are now available for the Help For Heroes show being staged at Dover Town Hall.

Entitled Dover's Got Young Talent, the show on Saturday, March 20, will feature young performers from across the area.

Members of youth groups will take part and singer Louise Orfila will also be on stage singing.

Radio Kent presenter Steve Ladner will be a compere on the night and there will be a Help For Heroes shop to buy charity souvenirs.

Tickets cost £5 from Dover Town Council, the London Road post office, the tourist information office and Crabble Corn Mill, or by phoning 01304 212277. You can find out more at www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Revel in movies music at free church concert

A FREE Desert Island Selection concert is being performed by the Pfizer Wind Orchestra at St Mary's Church in Sandwich next month.

The show, on Sunday, March 21, at 2.30pm, will feature popular classical works and music associated with films.

The programme includes works such as Shenandoah, Birdland, The Jungle Book, The Mancini Medley, Blue Rondo al a Turk, the theme from the Harry Potter films and The Children's (Toy) Symphony and will be conducted by Simon Gayton and Kate Robinson.

Schools to merge as student numbers fall

THE county's education chiefs have agreed that Walmer and Deal's two secondary schools should merge next year because of pupil numbers.

Castle Community College and Walmer Science College will amalgamate to form a trust school on the current Castle site in Deal.

A principal reason put forward for the merger is the declining numbers of secondary-school pupils in the local area.

Sculpture marks life of a historic activist

A SCULPTURE is being created in the Sussex town of Lewes to mark the life of Thomas Paine, an 18th-century radical activist and thinker who also lived in Sandwich.

Artist Marcus Cornish is creating the sculpture to mark Paine's life and his involvement in the French and American revolutions.

The sculpture has been paid for by an anonymous private donor and will be displayed outside Lewes Library.

Paine's house in Sandwich is marked with a plaque and is open as a holiday cottage.

It is frequently used by Americans wanting to learn more about one of the founders of their country.

Indeed, President Barack Obama quoted Paine in his 2009 inauguration speech.



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Prosser urges PM to quash sell-off claims

'No forced port privatisation'

■ BY NICK AMES

A WAR of words has broken out between Conservative and Labour politicians over the proposed sell-off of the Port of Dover.

At Prime Minister's Question Time, Dover and Deal's Labour MP Gwyn Prosser asked Prime Minister Gordon Brown to respond to what he called "fabrications" by Conservative candidate Charlie Elphicke over the issue.

Mr Brown said there would be no forced privatisation of the port and added: "We will look for new ways of getting new investment into the port and the community."

Mr Prosser said he was pleased with the Prime Minister's reassurances and stated: "I've always argued that Dover Harbour Board could attract new investment without selling to the highest bidder and enriching the directors."

"When the board first volunteered to privatise the port, I reminded them they didn't have the support of the community and I predicted their application would not be allowed under Labour."

"I am now more confident than ever that my prediction will prove correct."



BORDER FIGHT: Charlie Elphicke, who says he is unconvinced about the port's future, with a petition and supporters

But Mr Elphicke said he remained unconvinced about the future of the port.

He said: "Everyone knows the port is being sold off as a 'voluntary' privatisation under huge pressure from the Government."

"And we all know this is being warmly welcomed by Gordon Brown as he stuffs his car boot full of assets to flog off just as fast as he can."

"It's not 'forced', but we all know what's really going on. And everyone can see that Gordon Brown confirmed it's all going ahead regardless. Nothing has changed."

"Word games like this are the stock in trade of the con merchant and the trickster. We must not allow them to cheat us out of our port like this."

"My position is clear. I fight for the English border to remain owned by the nation. And

fight against Gordon Brown's plan to sell off our port just as soon as he can."

The port is under threat as the Government seeks to raise funds to finance the £830 billion national debt. However, the plan has caused outrage – especially as it has been revealed that one of the bidders is the Nord-pas-de-Calais regional council in France.

Dover made an operating profit of £15.1 million in 2008 and is the busiest port in the UK.

Operators want to expand but say they are hamstrung by rules over financing public assets.

Port chief executive Bob Goldfield said the sell-off was in its early stages and the sales procedure would not begin until permission was given by the Secretary of State. "That is unlikely to be in next few weeks," he said.

'Community spirit is alive and well'

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to refer relevant incidents and information to the local police.

Mr and Mrs Smith walk the estate every week with residents and report findings to the relevant agencies; they also organise community events.

The residents' network has now been extended to the wider Buckland area.

Mr Johnson said: "It was a pleasure to meet Ann and Mick Smith, along with other residents on the Canada estate. It goes to show that community spirit is alive and well here."

"Along with the local police, residents on the Canada estate have helped to reduce crime in their area."

Mr Prosser said: "I am continually impressed by the work that the local community does here on the Canada estate to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour."

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Home Secretary Alan Johnson talks to YourDover. Search 'Johnson'

Designer to the stars on the up

CELEBRITY jewellery-designer Stephen Webster is leaving his Walmer home for a cliff-top residence in St Margaret's Bay.

The 'jeweller to the stars', as he is known thanks to celebrity clients such as Christina Aguilera and Cheryl Cole, launched an affordable silver collection priced between £150 and £1,500.

He is using the profits to move to a new home – but he is keeping to his roots in east Kent.

Mr Webster built his glowing reputation with a series of designs for the rich and famous, some of which cost more than £10,000.

But after lowering his costs while keeping his distinctive style, the man who made Madonna's and Guy Ritchie's wedding rings now finds that business is booming as strongly as ever.

The 50-year-old and his Russian wife Anastasia, 38, are selling their six-bedroom weekend retreat in Walmer and have upgraded to a larger cliff-top home at St Margaret's Bay, thanks to the profits flowing in from his 120 outlets around the world.



CLIENT: Aguilera

Marine conservation scheme gets some ferry good support

SEAFRANCE Dover-Calais Ferries has raised more than £300,000 for the Marine Conservation Society's Beachwatch project.

The scheme involves making sure that our beaches and shoreline shallows are as clean as possible to give the best opportunities for marine life to prosper.

The cross-Channel company took on the role of lead sponsor for the project in May 2008 and has seen customer donations to the charity's work far exceed expectations, say staff.

SeaFrance managing director Robin Wilkins said: "We wanted to support an environmental project where our customers and staff could make a positive and practical contribution to our marine environment."

"I am thrilled at the way our customers have responded so generously to the charity and also how our staff have really taken the environmental issues onboard in a practical way."

"Not only have we been able to raise a staggering £300,000 for the Beachwatch project, our staff have

also carried out six beach-cleans at Kingsdown so far, collecting a total of 159 bags of rubbish."

The company has also been able to fund a number of successful MCS Cool Seas educational roadshows at schools around Kent.

Sam Fanshawe, director of MCS, said: "SeaFrance's sponsorship has made it possible for volunteers around the whole of the United Kingdom to get involved with the campaign against marine litter."

"Litter on beaches is a growing problem and can be harmful to wildlife and ourselves."

"MCS's long-term aim is to halve the amount of litter on UK beaches by 2015 and SeaFrance's ongoing support will be vital in achieving this."

SeaFrance staff and local residents meet regularly to clean and monitor the beach at Kingsdown.

The next beach-clean will take place at the Oldstairs Road end of the beach on Sunday, March 7, at 10am. Anyone is welcome to come along and join in.

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Michelin rising star shines on Charlie

CHARLIE Lakin, of The Marquis, is one of only three chefs in England to be awarded a rising one star in the 2010 Michelin Guide.

The 200-year-old former village inn has been converted into a luxury boutique restaurant with rooms in the heart of the Alkham valley.

Situated in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, The Marquis offers a seasonally-inspired menu created by head chef Mr Lakin.

Culinary emphasis is on fresh flavours and locally-sourced ingredients such as the catch of the day landed by the fishing boats at Deal, rabbit from the Alkham valley, or herbs foraged straight from the surrounding countryside.

The Marquis was built in 1810.

Alleyway robbery: plea for witnesses

POLICE investigating a robbery in an alleyway at New Street, Dover, are appealing for witnesses and information.

A 20-year-old man had just withdrawn £220 from a cash-machine at Abbey National Bank and was walking along the alleyway when he was approached by two men.

They demanded his money, which he handed over, and then ran off.

The robbers are both white and in their late teens or early 20s.

One is 5ft 9in tall and was wearing a Nike black hooded top, black Nike bottoms and white Lacoste trainers. The other is of thinner build, 5ft 8in and was wearing a beige hooded top.

Anyone with information can phone PC Vince Fedder on 01622 690690.

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'The comfy club for UK-bound migrants'

■ BY NICK AMES

MIGRANTS heading for Britain are getting the VIP treatment in a "comfy members-only club", according to reports in a national newspaper.

The Daily Express claims that French charities have created what they call a "departure lounge" for illegal immigrants in Calais offering "rest and recreation".

The story says the migrants are in a converted warehouse which offers a range of amenities from relaxation rooms with a piano, a cinema and a sports hall for indoor games like table-tennis and football to a makeshift disco for dancing.

The centre – which bears a huge "Welcome To All" banner – was officially closed 12 days ago by riot police after Calais authorities deemed it

unfit for public use. However, the newspaper says that charities SOS and No Borders Network got round prohibition by opening it as a private space for members, declaring "All migrants and activists inside the hangar have official membership".

Sangatte

The organisers have also painted the text from Article 1 of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights on a sign warning that any attempt to close it down could face a challenge in the courts.

The story states: "Express investigators yesterday mingled with around 50 young men who had taken up residence at the converted warehouse, called by the charities the Kronstad Hangar after the road it is on.

"French officials had ordered it closed earlier this month, fearing it would turn into another Sangatte – the former Red Cross centre which was a magnet for migrants before being demol-

ished in 2002. But after the mass eviction earlier this month, all of the migrants inside were set free, with no attempt to arrest them or return them to the country from where they had entered France, in line with EU guidelines.

"Instead metal barriers were used to guard the hangar. Yesterday they were simply cast aside, as charity volunteers and left-wing activists moved back inside the building."

An Afghan, named only as Mansoor, is then quoted as saying: "We're here because we need a roof over our heads.

"Our aim is to get to England, but we need warmth and a place to sleep while we are in France."

The hangar had been rented by SOS, a local refugee and homeless charity, supported by the No Border Network, a group campaigning for frontier controls between France and Britain to be scrapped. It is open for migrants from 10am to 6pm.

Drifting boat trawled in from Channel

THE Dover and Dungeness lifeboats combined forces to tow ashore a stricken trawler drifting in the busy shipping lanes of the English Channel in freezing weather.

The 130-tonne trawler suffered gearbox failure which required the assistance of the two volunteer RNLI lifeboat crews when it broke down and started drifting in the busy south-west shipping lane.

The Dungeness lifeboat launched first to the disabled Plymouth-registered vessel.

After taking the vessel under tow, the ships were making slow progress towards Dover, so the decision was made to launch the larger Dover lifeboat to assist as the turning tide would be soon be ebbing and working against the rescuers.

Conditions during the rescue



RESCUED: The 130-tonne trawler required the help of two volunteer RNLI lifeboats

were difficult, with freezing temperatures and periods of poor visibility as heavy snow showers

passed through the Channel. Also, gale-force winds meant that sea conditions were rough,

with a two- to three-metre swell.

The Dover crew headed out to rendezvous with the other vessels. Once on scene, the tow was transferred to the larger lifeboat and all three vessels headed for Dover.

Arriving off Dover, an extra line was attached from the stern of the trawler to the Dungeness lifeboat to ensure the stricken ship was firmly under control.

The three vessels then entered Dover harbour, where the trawler, with three people onboard, was moored safely in the tug-haven area of the port.

Dover RNLI Coxswain Stuart Richardson said: "This was our first call-out for almost four months, but everything went smoothly and it was nice for me to be able to work with my friends and former crewmates on the Dungeness lifeboat."

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Why double cancer survivor is hoping to inspire all women in the Race For Life



FORMIDABLE DUO: Robyn Pringle and daughter Charlotte, aged nine, with their Race For Life medals

A MOTHER who has twice survived cancer is urging women to enter Cancer Research UK's Race For Life 2010, which sees events held across the county.

Robyn Pringle, 40, from Sandwich, has twice beaten breast cancer and faced a catalogue of physical and emotional challenges in her five-year battle against the disease.

Now, healthy again, Robyn is urging others to join her by taking part in the Race For Life, which is backed by KOS Media.

Race For Life is a unique celebration where women of all ages join together to walk, jog or run five kilometres and raise money for Cancer Research UK's life-saving work.

She and her daughter Charlotte, nine, are planning to take part in the event at Herne Bay on Sunday, July 4.

Research

Robyn said: "I was devastated when I was diagnosed with cancer. It was terrifying.

"But thanks to research I am still here. I am very grateful for the treatment that saved my life.

"Success stories like mine would not be possible without the work of Cancer Research UK, which in turn relies on everyone who raises money through Race For Life."

Robyn was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 2003. She had a lumpectomy, chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

Doctors also discovered lumps in her pancreas and, although benign, they were removed as a precaution during a procedure Robyn describes as the most painful thing she has ever experienced.

The following year, against all the odds, Robyn discovered she was pregnant. However, doctors advised her not to proceed with the pregnancy. Robyn was told that not only might her unborn baby have been harmed by the treatment she had undergone

■ BY NICK AMES

but that future scheduled treatment would be highly likely to cause her to miscarry.

Although it was a painful decision, Robyn took their advice.

She was dealt another blow when her cancer returned in 2005 and at the worst possible time... Robyn's husband was in hospital with meningitis and encephalitis when she was given the news.

This time Robyn decided not to take any further chances and asked for a bilateral mastectomy. And because she was still at high risk of further recurrence, she had her ovaries removed, ruling out the possibility of any more children.

Then, just as her health began to improve, her marriage broke up.

Robyn said: "After the second cancer, when I knew I couldn't have any more children, it really hit home hard. But my then-husband and I decided we were happy as we were. But then he left.

"As soon as there was a bit of light at the end of my tunnel, my life was blown apart again."

Despite the series of traumatic blows, Robyn kept going for Charlotte and today the pair make a happy and formidable duo.

Robyn, who works in admin at Canterbury College, said: "Something ghastly happened to me every year for five years – it was very hard and there were times when I suffered from depression.

"But today things are different. I feel positive and Charlotte and I are very close – she's a cracking little girl and my best friend.

"Charlotte and I do the Race For Life together. The first year I walked, last year I jogged and this year I am aiming to run."

Natasha Etienne, Cancer Research UK's event manager for Kent, said: "Women of all ages, abilities, shapes and sizes take part in Race For Life. They motivate and inspire each other to complete the 5K course."



COMMON CAUSE: There was a huge turnout for the second Race For Life event – this was the scene in Folkestone

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Remembering the Few at 70

■ BY MIKE BENNETT

A SERIES of spectacular events will take place in Kent this summer to mark the 70th anniversary of the greatest air battle in history.

The Battle of Britain, which was fought in the skies above the county, heralded a major turning point in World War Two.

Without aerial dominance, Hitler's Nazis were prevented from mounting a planned invasion of Britain, stemming the tide of the German advance across Europe in 1940.

From his home at Chartwell, near Westerham, Prime Minister Winston Churchill dubbed the battle Britain's "finest hour".

To celebrate the 70th anniversary of the triumph, Biggin Hill Air Fair is planning an airfield attack and aerial display in June, and a major event will be staged at the National Memorial to the battle at Capel-le-Ferne, near Folkestone, in July.

The county's Spitfire, The Spirit of Kent, will also soar above the War and Peace Show at the Hop Farm in Paddock Wood in July.

The Battle of Britain raged over Kent from July 10 until October 31, 1940, with brave RAF pilots

winning spectacular dog-fights, despite being completely outnumbered by the German Luftwaffe.

In a rousing address from Chartwell, Churchill declared in August, 1940, that: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

The four months of intense aerial dogfights were fought above Kent to win dominance of the skies and also to protect London from Nazi attacks.

There were 71 squadrons within RAF Fighter Command, and the airmen known as 'The Few' came not only from Britain but also Poland, France, Belgium, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa.

A major celebration of the 70th anniversary of the triumph is planned for July 11 this year at the National Memorial at Capel-le-Ferne, on the cliffs between Folkestone and Dover.

The most famous RAF fighter station at Biggin Hill airfield, which is now an airport near Westerham, will commemorate the anniversary at its 47th annual Air Fair on June 26-27.

Events will include a spectacular airfield attack enhanced through sound, pyrotechnics and giant screens, to help create the summer of 1940.

It will host a great number of Spitfires, Hurricanes and other key aircraft from the battle and has invited representatives and aircraft from the Allied nations to join the commemorations.



LEADER: Churchill



WARBIRDS TAKE TO THE COUNTY'S SKIES AGAIN

TWO iconic Battle of Britain aircraft will return to the skies above Kent this year for the War and Peace Show.

The popular annual event will be held at The Hop Farm in Paddock Wood just weeks after the celebrations marking the 70th anniversary of the turning point of World War Two.

The county's Spitfire fighter Spirit of Kent and the German Messerschmitt 108 (pictured) will take to the skies on Sunday, July 25.

Show organiser Rex Cadman said: "It will be good to hear the throaty roar of the Spitfire, particularly in such an important year, when we are celebrating the most significant event in the history of the RAF."

"The aircraft's appearance at the War and Peace Show is a tribute to the courageous airmen whose skill and determination played a crucial role in turning defeat into victory."

"The return of the Messerschmitt 108 provides a rare opportunity for people to see a German wartime aircraft in action."

"This machine was not a fighter, in the style of its sister aeroplane the Messerschmitt 109, but these machines were very much in the frontline, serving on fighter squadrons in the communications role."

Paul Campbell, of the Kent Spitfire, which has arranged the War and Peace Show display, said: "Both aircraft will be in authentic wartime livery and looking their best for such an important anniversary year."

Language schools speechless over Government visa rules

A CLAMPDOWN on foreign students entering the UK has sparked fears of a huge drop in numbers at Kent's language schools, colleges and universities.

Under new Home Office rules designed to reduce abuse of the system, visa applicants must now be able to speak a higher level of English before being allowed to stay.

But while many are pleased the Government is cracking down on those who pretend to be students and instead find jobs, further education bodies in Kent rely heavily on foreign intakes and are concerned.

Peter Worley, principal of Hilderstone College in Broadstairs, said: "I'd have thought every language school in the country and all the universities are aghast at these proposals."

"It's akin to dealing with an outbreak of weeds by bulldozing the garden. The Government is putting the language school industry at risk because it can't organise its legislation properly."

"Alan Johnson [the Home Secretary] says students wishing to study English must first have a good grasp of English, which is absurd."

"It's like saying you can't learn to drive unless you have already driven; or can't learn the trumpet until you have a good grasp of it."

Currently, anyone who successfully applies for a student visa can travel to the UK and work legally for up to 20 hours a week.

Under the new rules, applicants from outside the EU will have to speak English at a level just below GCSE standard, rather than beginner level as at present.

Those taking courses below degree level will also only be allowed to work 10 hours a week.

It is hoped the legislation will also reduce the threat of terrorism, but North Thanet Tory MP Roger Gale said: "The Home Secretary has ignored cross-party warnings that his proposals will damage the interests of language schools, colleges and universities while doing nothing to address the real problem, which is illegal immigration and economic migration under the guise of seeking asylum."

"Kent is already suffering as agents placing students are choosing locations other than the UK because of the uncertainty."

"We need to control immigration, but we need to remember foreign students are worth a great deal to our economy, in the short and long term,

as graduates return to do business in Britain."

Most language schools are located along the south coast, with east Kent a particular hotspot.

The sector is worth about £1.5 billion to the economy, and Margate Language Centre principal Jon Burton said he was "shocked, disappointed and bemused" that it was being put at risk by the new legislation.

He said: "It's not just the schools that will miss out, it's Kent as a whole. Foreign students just won't bother coming, yet they are an important part of the economy of the county."

Professor Julia Goodfellow, vice-chancellor of the University of Kent, said she didn't think the legislation would affect applicants.

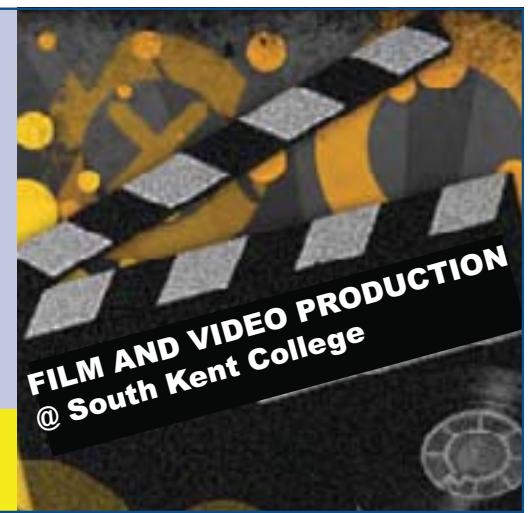
She said: "The policy is not an issue for universities as we have quite strong criteria anyway."

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Q Tell us a bit about yourself

A I'm 54 and have been married to Judi for 30 years next November. We have two daughters who have both gone through the Kent Music system, from beginner lessons right through to the Kent County Youth Orchestra. I worked in London for the first 22 years of my career as an orchestral musician in the military, playing French horn and violin, and as a peripatetic brass teacher for the Inner London Education Authority.

Q When and why did you join the team at Kent Music?

A I joined Kent County Youth Orchestra in late 1991 as a supervisor on residential courses while still serving in the Army and became the county group's music librarian in January 1994. Since then I have taken on a succession of managerial roles. In May 2000 I was appointed manager of the Kent County Youth Orchestra and in September 2009 I assumed my current role as general manager, county groups.

Q What does your role involve?

A I oversee the provision of Kent's many county groups, which are run by Kent Music for Kent County Council and Medway Council. There are approximately 700 musicians aged between seven and 25 in 16 county

level groups: eight choirs, two orchestras, two wind bands, a jazz orchestra, two recorder ensembles and the Kent Music Academy. We also run our three-week summer school, which attracts 1,000 young musicians.

Q What do you enjoy most about your job?

A Watching young musicians as they start out in our junior groups and develop over 10 to 12 years to produce music of real quality in well-rehearsed and polished concerts.

Q Tell us about the history of Kent Music

A Kent Music started 62 years ago and now teaches 15,000 students across Kent. We have 14 music centres where we teach children mainly ensemble work and they are spread across the Kent region, which means that wherever you are you should have access to a centre.

Q Does Kent Music offer one-to-one and group classes?

A Kent Music offers all types of tuition from one-to-one to small groups (two in a class) through to whole-class tuition where 30 children will all be learning to play an instrument through the Wider Opportunities scheme in primary schools. Wider Opportunities aims to give all children the opportunity to learn about music through playing an instrument.

Q What are the benefits of group sessions?

A The benefits of group sessions are being able to learn with friends and develop your skill in a group, which is great practice if you want to join a band. Group sessions also allow you to keep costs down as you share the fee with others.

Q Why do you think music is a good talent to have?

A Learning to play a musical instrument develops many useful skills in young people, such as the ability to work on their own while practising and also to work as part of a team when rehearsing in groups. Individual and group-music lessons instil confidence, discipline and commitment.

Q Kent Music hosts plenty of events throughout the year - what have you got coming up in 2010?

A We are presenting a short festival of Kent Music County Groups concerts in Chatham, starting on Friday, April 9, with the Kent Youth Jazz Orchestra at the Brook Theatre. On Saturday, April 10, we have the Kent County Youth Orchestra playing Dvorak's New World Symphony in the Central Theatre, and lastly we have the Kent Youth Choirs and Kent Youth Wind Orchestra playing music from Broadway on Sunday, April 11, also at the Central Theatre. Details are available from www.kent-music.com.



The county groups general manager at Kent Music talks to **Anna White** about the organisation and its upcoming summer concerts and the numerous benefits of learning to play an instrument at a young age



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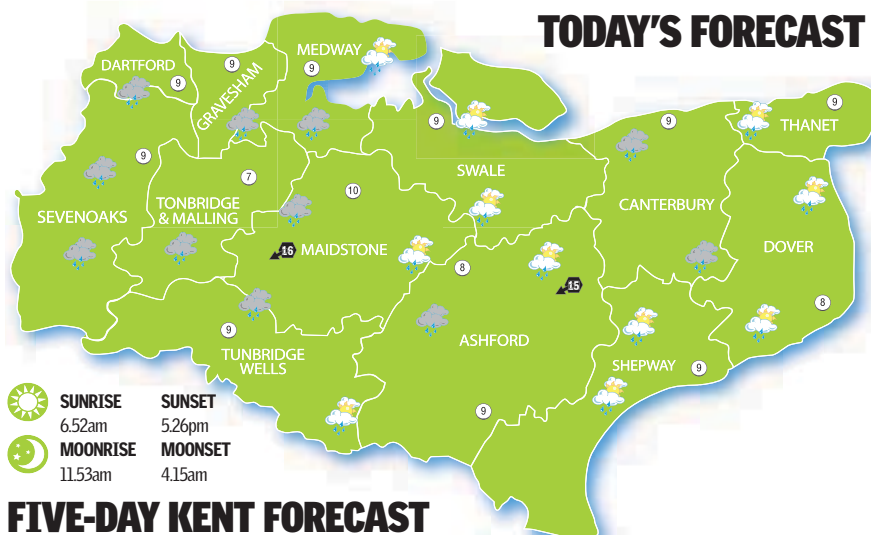


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Chatham	Saturday	11:38am	6.0m
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	Sunday	10:39am	6.7m
Dungeness	Saturday	9:50am	7.2m
	Sunday	10:39am	7.7m
Ramsgate	Saturday	10:22am	4.9m
	Sunday	11:09am	5.1m
Sheerness	Saturday	11:27am	5.7m
	Sunday	12:18pm	6.0m
Whitstable	Saturday	11:32am	5.2m
	Sunday	12:25pm	5.4m



AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	4°C	Madrid	11°C
Athens	15°C	New York	6°C
Barcelona	12°C	Paris	12°C
Beijing	3°C	Rome	15°C
Bombay	31°C	Sydney	36°C
Cape Town	30°C	Tenerife	23°C
Cardiff	3°C	Tokyo	7°C
Gibraltar	18°C	Vancouver	8°C
Hong Kong	18°C	Warsaw	2°C
Las Palmas	23°C	Wellington	20°C

Salty water could be the death of our garden birds

A PINCH of salt could kill some garden birds, so the RSPB is urging people not to use it as a de-icer in bird-baths.

Sophie McCallum, RSPB South East media officer, said: "It's understandable that people think salt is a suitable way of keeping bird-baths unfrozen as we see it sprinkled over roads and paths all the time."

"But it is extremely dangerous to garden birds and must be avoided at all costs."

"Making sure bird-baths don't freeze over can be difficult in cold weather and unfortunately it's a case of checking it and refilling it as often as possible."

"It may fill us with dread, but dipping into a cold bath is important for garden birds at this time of year, for both drinking and keeping feathers in good condition."

Toxic

The wildlife charity suggests placing a small floating item, such as a twig or a cork, into bird baths when they are first filled.

This will keep the water moving, preventing it freezing solid. Alternatively, filling it with tepid water each morning will prevent it freezing for as long as possible.

Salt is toxic to garden birds. Their bodies are unable to process it and it affects their nervous systems.

Birds become thirsty and dehydrated when they ingest salt, meaning they would drink more, potentially exacerbating the problem. They would also suffer kidney dysfunction.

Some small birds are not much bigger than one of our own kidneys, which we use to process salt, and they will overdose quickly.

Although most dangerous when ingested, salty water is not good for birds externally, either. It could damage their feathers, meaning they are not in peak condition during the cold weather and into the breeding season.

Even if they don't drink it, they could still ingest it as they preen.

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	4°C	10°C	8°C	9°C	9°C	Gravesend	4°C	9°C	9°C	9°C	8°C
Canterbury	4°C	9°C	8°C	9°C	6°C	Maidstone	5°C	9°C	9°C	9°C	8°C
Chatham	4°C	9°C	8°C	9°C	8°C	Ramsgate	4°C	9°C	8°C	9°C	6°C
Dartford	4°C	9°C	9°C	9°C	8°C	Rochester	4°C	9°C	8°C	9°C	8°C
Dover	4°C	8°C	7°C	8°C	7°C	Sevenoaks	3°C	7°C	7°C	7°C	6°C
Faversham	4°C	9°C	8°C	9°C	8°C	Sittingbourne	4°C	9°C	8°C	9°C	8°C
Folkestone	4°C	8°C	7°C	8°C	7°C	Tonbridge	4°C	9°C	8°C	8°C	9°C
Gillingham	4°C	9°C	8°C	9°C	8°C	Tun Wells	4°C	9°C	8°C	8°C	9°C

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The webcast is going to be available for viewers with Windows Media Video software developed by Microsoft. In the unlikely event that your computer does not already have wmv software on it, a free copy is available from the on-line Microsoft Download Centre at

www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/download/AllDownloads.aspx

The time taken to download the free software will depend on the speed of your internet connection and so it is recommended that you try clicking on the webcasting link a couple of days in advance to see if you need to download the software or not.

View the debate live at the Marsh Academy Theatre, New Romney

The meeting will be relayed to a large screen at The Marsh Academy Theatre in Station Road, New Romney, where copies of the report to councillors will also be available. Free parking.

Please note there is no seating available in the council chamber in Folkestone

Shepway Council's council chamber is very small and all seats in the public gallery have had to be reserved for people speaking at the meeting.

However, we are relaying the meeting via screens to other rooms at the Civic Centre. Please note for health and safety reasons, seating is limited to 106 places and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Parking

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Badly behaved boars lined up in farmers' sights

■ BY MARIJKE COX

WILD boar wreaking havoc in the Kent countryside have forced desperate farmers to demand a wide-spread cull.

The herds are being blamed for killing lambs, destroying crops and, in the worst cases, attacking dogs, as they expand across the county.

Some farmers have admitted to losing thousands of pounds each year as the pigs destroy their crops, with others having to fork out for new fences to replace ones ripped apart by the animals.

And despite wild boar preferring the more wooded areas of the Kent and Sussex borders, an increasing number are now being spotted in eastern parts of the county.

Isabelle Bretherton, from the National Farmers' Union (NFU), said this is unsurprising as they are known to travel large distances.

"Once they have finished eating woodland plants in one area they will quickly move on to another," she said.

Risk of disease, damage to crops and attacks on livestock has pushed the NFU to back calls for management through culling.

"At the moment there is no management and this needs to be looked at," said Ms

Bretherton. "Like any wildlife, when the population reaches large levels, culling is sadly required. They shouldn't be wiped out altogether, but numbers need to be controlled."

Experts believe there could be more than 500 roaming between Kent and East Sussex.

And without predators such as wolves, the animals are top of the food chain, meaning numbers are not controlled naturally.

Hunting is permitted throughout the year and around 100 landowners have licences to cull them on their land.

Meat stocks from the animals provide butchers with quality, sought-after produce, but those in the agricultural industry still believe numbers need to be managed.

Diversity

Critics, however, say wild boar add to the rich diversity of the countryside.

Peter Smith, from the Wildwood Trust at Herne, near Canterbury, agreed there needs to be some control, but stressed they should not be eradicated.

But farmer Jenny Farrant, who runs a farm in Beckley, on the border of Kent and Sussex, said some of her land has been destroyed, losing her about £50,000 over the years.

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has drawn up a three-year action plan to help rural communities in Kent deal with the problem.



EXPANDING FAMILY: Rapidly breeding wild boar have brought calls for a cull from farmers in Kent and East Sussex

Glass half full for pubs minister

LEADING names in Kent's pub trade have raised doubts over what the industry's new government minister can achieve just months before the general election.

While welcoming the appointment of John Healey as Britain's first pubs minister, both Shepherd Neame chief executive Jonathan Neame and Thorley Taverns operations director Phil Thorley remain sceptical about a position that may cease to exist if the Conservatives win power.

Mr Thorley said: "It's like winning a penalty after the final whistle has already been blown – too little, too late."

"It's good to see they've finally recognised the industry needs focus, but for me it's just a token gesture in an attempt to win votes."

"There's something like 20 per cent fewer pubs today than when the Government came in 13 years ago, but they decide to appoint a minister just months before the election. We've had to deal with so many new laws and issues affecting the pub trade. It would take anyone time to understand them all, by the time John Healey does it will be too late for him to do anything about them."

The Thorley Taverns chain consists of 21 pubs in east Kent as well as clubs, restaurants and function rooms.

An estimated 40 UK pubs have closed every week over the past year, with challenges facing the industry including the recession, high rents, the smoking ban, changing consumer habits and cheap alcohol

in supermarkets. It is understood Mr Healey will consider introducing business tax breaks and relaxed planning laws to help pubs survive, something Mr Neame – chief executive of Britain's oldest brewer – is keen to see come to fruition. He said: "To have a single point of contact for the industry is extremely

beneficial, because previously we would have to deal with different departments for different issues and it was all very dysfunctional."

"But the obvious question is: what's he here for and what does he propose to do?"

"Essentially the Government's policy on alcohol over the last 15 years has favoured vodka and cider over beer, and nightclubs and supermarkets over traditional pubs, and we would like to see that reversed."

Mr Neame said he had already written to Mr Healey with suggestions of how he could help the pub trade, including freezing beer duty and offering rates relief

for pubs that provide other community services like internet access, public toilets and post offices.

A self-confessed beer lover, Mr Healey is a member of the All-Party Parliamentary Beer group and a regular at pubs in his Wentworth constituency in South Yorkshire.

He said: "While we can't stop every pub from closing, it's right we do everything possible to back them."

"But they need help now, so I am determined to have a deal on the table with a package of help in the next few weeks."



CHEERS: John Healey is the first pubs minister



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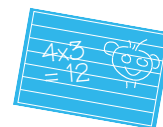
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Sgt Barwood, a music-lover, died while serving in Iraq in February 2008.

Students will showcase their talents as solo singers, duets, singing groups, solo instrumentalists and group musicians, covering music from classical to rock and pop throughout the morning.

From 2pm, star performers from the morning session will progress to the second stage. Certificates will be presented to winners at 3pm, followed by the presentation to the overall winner of an engraved glass trophy.

Weather closures cut no ice with Pent Valley head

PENT VALLEY pupils braved snow and ice to reach school and still enjoyed plenty of fun as well as regular lessons.

During severe weather earlier this month, the specialist technology college in Surrenden Road, Folkestone, was the only secondary in the area to remain open. As a gesture of goodwill, staff and students were provided with free food and drink.

Head-teacher Mario Citro said: "Schools should do all they can to ensure there are facilities available for young people to be supervised and safe."

"There is a great deal of statistical evidence to show that the safest place for

Café's service with a smile

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

THERE'S a very good reason these proud members of staff at a village café are all smiles.

All four work in the Looking Ahead church café in Sea Street, St Margaret's, and have received NVQ Level 2 qualifications in food and drink services from South Kent College – the equivalent of five GCSEs.

Due to special needs, they were allowed 15 months to study for their qualifications, but all of them finished early.

Director Brian Davenport said: "This isn't just about educating staff, it's also about educating employers, parents and the community about what these people are capable of."

"Half our customers don't realise this café is run by people with disabilities. We've had fantastic support from South Kent College, who were able to help us straight away when we asked how we could offer training to our staff."

Dylan Beatty was one of those who trained for the award. His mother, Janet, who watched the presentation, said: "He's got more qualifications than I have now. I'm very proud, he's done very well."

The project is run by the Looking Ahead group and is non-profit-making, with all pro-



WELL DONE: Looking Ahead cafe staff show off their certificates, watched by supporters and surrounded by diners

ceeds reinvested in other schemes. Since it opened in St Margaret's, the café has won the support of the entire village, with the WI, birthday parties and other community celebrations all being held in the former church.

Supervisor Leanne Doswell, the college's Faustina Gaithuah and Mr Davenport all attended the presentation, with Angela Windsor handing out the certificates.

Mrs Windsor told the staff: "I'm proud of

your achievement. The NVQ Level 2 is equal to five GCSEs, so give yourselves a round of applause because there are many people who haven't achieved this level of success."

Presented with awards were Dylan Beatty, Charlotte Latkovskis, Ed Ridley and Matthew Evans. South Kent College has campuses in Maison Dieu Road, Dover, and Shorncliffe Road, Folkestone. Phone 0845 207 8220 or visit www.skc.ac.uk for details.

young people, especially during such times of difficulty, is in schools.

"There is also evidence that at least some of the difficulties encountered by emergency and other key services are due to parents not being able to get to work due to child-care problems."

"There is clearly a role for schools to play in such circumstances, allowing more people to get to work and reduce the impact of the severe weather."

"I am proud of the fact that since I have been at Pent Valley we have always kept the school open during poor weather."

"This has included periods when the majority of schools in our area were closed."

"I am only able to do this because of the professionalism of my staff, who often go to great lengths to attend work."

"And I must make special mention of my site team, who are fundamental in enabling us to remain open."



SNOW PROBLEM: Pent Valley pupils beat the bad weather

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Dave Mairs suggests that grandiose visions should make way to more pragmatic concerns



You won't hear the word 'sorry' at the bottom of a Kent pothole

SOMETHING extraordinary happened last week: the county council apologised for the state of the roads and the number of potholes that made driving all but impossible in some parts.

Crumbs, a touch of humility from County Hall – something, it's fair to say, that we're not overly used to in this part of the world.

Had KCC leader Paul Carter not been feeling well? One of those nasty winter chills, perhaps? Or maybe the county's highways chief Nick Chard was a little dazed and confused after pranging his car an icy road?

Although the latter might seem the best bet given the number of us who have suffered a similar fate of late, neither of the above misfortunes were, to my knowledge, true.

And, you shouldn't be surprised to learn, the apology didn't come from our leaders at Maidstone, but from Staffordshire County Council.

Not a part of the country I know well, but how refreshing to find a local authority ready to hold up its collective hands and say sorry, we know this wasn't good enough and we'll get it sorted.

It all contrasts rather depressingly with the

bluster emanating from our county hall, where an increasingly arrogant, pompous and self-important leadership appears to consider itself beyond the slightest reproach.

Consider the Icelandic banking fiasco that claimed £50 million of KCC's cash. That's our cash, by the way. Your cash.

Were we offered an apology for KCC having been so careless with our money?

OK, let's return quickly to the real world and recall what we did in fact get – a barrage of bleating and whining that the nasty old Audit Commission had decreed KCC's performance in the Icelandic affair to have been 'negligent'.

Legal action was threatened – using our cash, your cash – if the commission didn't remove the word 'negligent' from its report.

Presumably not fancying a potentially lengthy court squabble, the commission 'downgraded' the negligence charge to 'careless'.

I'm not convinced a 'careless' local authority should be handling our millions, but we must live with what we've got... a group seemingly more concerned with promoting its own sanctity than doing what is necessary to keep the county running.

And that, it is all too often forgotten, involves

the mundane: disposing of our rubbish, keeping our libraries stocked with an up-to-date selection of books, keeping our roads in a drivable state...

Which many of them are not at the moment. I've (thus far) got away lightly this winter – I just need my car's tracking fixed after thumping into one pothole too many – but countless people will have been forking out for smashed wheels, shredded tyres, wrecked suspensions and so on as the shocking state of the county's roads has taken its toll.

So when Cllr Carter is next unveiling his vision (spare us!) to an adoring audience about how he would like to cover yet more countryside with another road across the Thames, or how he would like a series of lorry parks across Kent, or how he would so like to emulate the wondrous achievements of the Victorians, perhaps someone close to him might venture to suggest that keeping open the roads we've got should be the priority.

Oh, and learning how to say sorry once in a while when he or his authority gets it wrong.

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MAX GROVE

The aid worker talks about his work with Folkestone-based charity Mission Aviation Fellowship



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Could you say a little about the charity's connections with Folkestone?

We needed to move out of London during the late 1970s and since our director already had links with Folkestone it was chosen as the location for our UK offices. We have always had excellent support from people within Kent, including churches and local officials.

How can people get involved or donate?

If you want to find out more about MAF or make a donation, please visit www.maf-uk.org or phone 0845 850 9505.

YOUR LETTERS

Brave act should set legal precedent

WHILE not directly a Kent-based story, there may well be people in Kent in similar circumstances, albeit for different reasons.

BBC veteran presenter Ray Gosling admitted on a radio show that he killed his then-lover who was apparently in the final painful stages of AIDS.

This is likely to have happened before more modern treatments became available, though we don't yet know when.

Remember Kent artist and film-maker Derek Jarman died of this illness way back in 1991. His diaries still make for very uncomfortable reading during his final months.

For Ray Gosling it must have been a very emotional and upsetting thing to do, especially once the doctors advised there was nothing more they could do. He acted out of love and compassion for his then-lover.

While he has now been detained for questioning by Nottingham Police, in my view he should not be vilified for this action, nor charged with either murder or manslaughter.

I have every sympathy for him under very trying circumstances, as with anyone in a similar situation.

I back the calls made recently by Sir Terry Pratchett for an assisted-suicide law in the UK as already happens in some parts of the USA and Switzerland.

Ray Duff
Folkestone



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Political stunts are costing us dear

THE latest attempt by former Conservative town councillor and

party activist Peter Jull to tarnish the reputation of Deal by his incessant attacks on the town council shows just how desperate the Conservatives are.

Mr Jull's most recent "complaint" to the local

standards committee has a go at Cllrs Jim Cronk and Marlene Burnham for being former mayors of the town and therefore honorary presidents of the carnival association.

Mr Jull had a go at me for being the chairman of the committee that appointed a new member of staff who did not meet with Mr Jull's approval but who was by far the best-qualified candidate.

The standards committee decided not to take the complaints further.

The sad thing is that Mr Jull's unhelpful behaviour as a Conservative activist is matched by both his fellow Conservatives and the LibDems on the Town Council.

They have spent most of the past year trying every trick in the book to prevent or delay the town council's programme of reform and improvement.

It is time to put an end to their cheap political stunts because they are costing the town and its people very dear.

Cllr Bryan Henderson (Labour)
Deal Town Council

End of TV highlights spending priorities

THE demise of the Conservatives' ill-fated internet TV channel Kent TV was long overdue.

Kent TV was a Conservative vanity project devised by and for the vainest in local government to promote themselves.

Indeed, it attracted almost no advertising, though the ads were supposed to raise £600,000 a year to pay for the running costs.

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Council's Conservative leader because "in difficult times, spending has to be prioritised" and the "economic situation was a lot different in 2007".

A strange justification. Surely the spending of public money should be prioritised whatever the economic situation.

I am sure that those people who saw their home-care charges increased to raise £600,000 a year would have considered that spending priorities were as important in 2007 as they are in 2010.

Mike Eddy (Labour)
Dover District Council, Mill Hill ward

Don't cut back on university education

THE Government proposes to make cuts of £449 million in the university sector.

Kent Green Party is urging people to campaign against these cuts for the sake of our young people and everyone who wants access to university education.

The university sector is expecting to turn away up to 300,000 would-be students in the autumn.

Government cuts in funding are to blame. Kent universities and

colleges are all very likely to be turning students away.

The Government found £37 billion in a single day as part of its strategy to prop up the banking system.

At a time of rising unemployment, and bearing in mind persistent skills shortages in the UK, it cannot be acceptable to put people on the dole rather than into higher education.

UCAS says applications from home students are already 22 per cent above last year, and overseas applications are up 28.7 per cent.

The University and College Union has already quite rightly condemned the proposed cuts, which threaten the futures of these applicants.

Cuts can be made elsewhere: in subsidies to civil aviation, the nuclear industry, road-building, the proposed national ID card system and the immense defence budget.

Government should not cut the futures of those prepared to take on the challenges, and costs, of university education.

Steve Dawe
Kent Green Party

Helpline that offers support for carers

MORE than five million people across the UK currently care for a

loved one, yet more than two-thirds of those do not see themselves as carers or register on the radars of health or care organisations.

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I'm supporting the NHS Carers Direct 'Who Cares?' campaign to help ensure that the millions of carers across the UK are taking advantage of the support available to them.

The Carers Direct helpline can be that all-important first port of call, and as many of the helpline advisers have been carers, they can provide help not only for your family member but for you.

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Regular events include psychic evenings and quizzes, with details published on the Facebook group The George and Dragon, Fordwich.

Menu favourites include Cajun mushrooms, barbecue ribs, prawn cocktail, lamb shank, fish and chips and sticky toffee pudding or chocolate brownie sundae for dessert.

The pub actively supports local charities including Pilgrims Hospice, Kent Smiles, Sunny Days, Cancer Research and Breast Cancer Campaign.

Refurbished last year, the pub's history is detailed in a collection of artefacts and photos. It is open from 11am until 11pm Mondays to Thursdays (last food orders 9.30pm), 11am until midnight Fridays and Saturdays (last food orders 10pm) and 11am until 10.30pm on Sundays (last food orders 9pm).

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The pub started life as a timber-framed hut with a thatched roof, but by the 17th century ale was being brewed on the premises.

During the Napoleonic Wars the village was the stronghold of the Aldington Gang – ruthless smugglers who roamed the nearby Romney Marsh area.

The themed Smugglers restaurant has just undergone a series of improvements with a lower ceiling and new decorations.

Easter is always special in Aldington and on Easter Sunday the pub is open as normal. The following day the local point-to-point meeting is held at nearby Church Lane.

To celebrate the pub will be serving food from 10am to 6pm and a special pre-race brunch, including a full English breakfast and Champagne (£7.50), will be available from 10am until noon. Weather permitting, a bouncy castle will be in the garden.

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Open auditions will be held in London, Sheffield, Belfast, Cardiff and 12 other locations across the country.

But before all that, the Roc Da Mic judges will head to Maidstone on Sunday, March 28.

Competition founder Melissa Bell – mother of X-Factor winner Alexandra Burke and former lead singer of 80s giants Soul II Soul – said she was hoping for a big turn-out.

“The Maidstone audition will be for the whole of Kent and we’re hoping to bring in the crowds and get people performing,” she said. “The panel will be made up of industry experts and notable producers. We won’t be harsh like they are on the X-Factor, although we’ll be honest about people’s abilities.”

In contrast to the multi-million-pound ITV show, money made from the competition will go to three charities; the British Kidney Patient Association, Marie Curie Cancer Care and the Haiti earthquake appeal.

Ms Bell, who was struck down with kidney failure three years ago, said: “The Kidney Patient Association is a very important charity and helps people in my condition.”

“I have to have dialysis every other day and it is debilitating – I can’t actually do anything some days.”

“I can’t find a job because of this and have to rely on benefits, but the charity helps people

■ BY MARIJKE COX



WINNING TEAM: Roc Da Mic founder Melissa Bell with her daughter, X Factor winner Alexandra Burke, left

who struggle like me, with things like advice and travel – they also help fund holidays for patients.”

Hopefuls will have to pay £20 to enter, or £25 for a band, which pays for a tutorial lesson worth £45 and an artist’s support pack.

“This is like a mini-bible of tips and links to help people launch a career in the industry,” said Ms Bell. “Money made from this will go to the charities and pay for overheads.”

The finals of the competition will be held in London later in the year.

“Alex has said she will support us once we’re on the road,” said Ms Bell.

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Room On The Broom is a colourful and captivating musical production from the people behind The Gruffalo, which has delighted theatregoers of all ages. Now the Tall Stories Theatre Company presents another adaptation of a children's story.

Julia Donaldson's best-selling book, with illustrations by Axel Scheffler, has been transformed into a hit show that was a sell-out success at last year's Edinburgh Festival.

Suitable for children aged three and above, Room On The Broom is a

wonderful show for family audiences.

On an ordinary night, a witch and her cat are flying along on their broomstick without a care in the world. But suddenly a mighty wind hits the pair and blows the witch's hat, bow and wand into the night.

Determined to find her lost possessions, they come across some new friends who all hop on to the broomstick for a ride.

With the help of a daft dog, a beautiful bird and a friendly frog, it looks like they will find the witch's missing things. But the broomstick is not built for five – who will save the witch when disaster strikes?

A talented cast brings this magical tale to life, including Karina Garnett, who plays Cat. Having worked with many respected companies such as Glyndebourne Opera, Trestle and the Royal Shakespeare Company, Garnett is a highly experienced per-

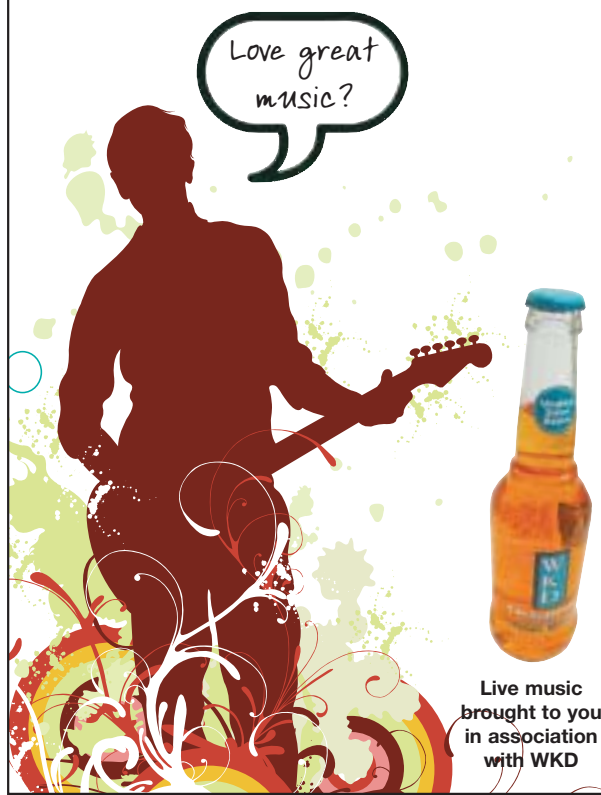
former who should give this magical puss the perfect purr.

Sarah Louise Young, who plays Witch, has many theatre credits and is also an accomplished cabaret performer.

She is a member of Showstopper! The Improvised Musical and her third solo show drew much critical acclaim, while her TV credits include Strictly Confidential, Casualty, No Angels, Doctors, Holby City and The Jury.

Bird is played by Alex Scott Fairley, whose theatre credits range from The Taming Of The Shrew to Don't Let The Pigeon Drive The Bus!, while Phil Yarrow, who plays Dog, has also appeared in a vast array of shows.

Room On The Broom can be seen at the Central Theatre, Chatham, this Friday and Saturday and at the Orchard Theatre, Dartford, from Thursday to Saturday, March 4-6.



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THE COMEDY CLUB

Thursday February 25
Ramada Hotel, Dover



LAUGH away the winter blues as Ramada Dover welcomes a new monthly comedy night.

The Comedy Club stages its first show at the hotel this week and will return on the last Thursday of every month. Determined to make a big impression at its first event, the club presents three unforgettable comedians.

Ryan McDonnell has built up a strong reputation in his hometown of Belfast and is now making his mark on the UK comedy circuit. With his Irish charm and sharp wit, he will make an excellent MC for the evening.

Scottish comic Paul Pirie has had a series of sell-out shows at the Glasgow Comedy Festival and took second place in the 2006 Scottish Comedian of the Year Award. Headline act Harvey Oliver (pictured) is a former act who appeared in the film Bugsy Malone and even played a stand-up comedian in Only Fools and Horses.

The show, which is for over-18s only, starts at 9pm and tickets cost £12 or with a two-course meal for £20. To book call 01304 872843, email events@ramadadover.co.uk or visit www.hahaheehoe.com.



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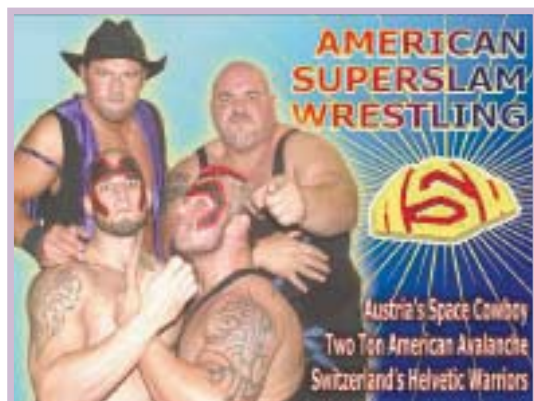
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The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £12/£10 or £35 for families. To book, phone 0844 847 1776 or visit www.leascliffhall.org.uk.

2010: A SPACE ODDITY

Wednesday, March 3
Theatre Royal Margate



CROSS the final frontier as 2010: A Space Oddity transports the audience into a world of science fiction, cult movies and spoof.

Riddled with clichés from all the best-known space movies, this hilarious new physical comedy sees two men trapped in a kitchen in a HAL of their own making. Two actors and a fridge provide the basis for this stellar spectacle, as the men rage against the machine that rules their lives.

The show is presented by Company Gavin Robertson, whose previous productions have drawn glowing praise from critics. Past projects include Spittoon – described as 'theatre at its brilliant best' – and the thrilling A Grimm World.

Artistic director Gavin Robertson's diverse portfolio includes Thunderbirds FAB and all of his shows have toured internationally.

The show, which is suitable for ages eight and above, starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £12/£10 or £35 for families. There is a limited offer for under-26s to go free.

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Jester are at The Archer in Sandwich Road, Whitfield, on Saturday. For details call the pub on 01304 825890.

Hunt down a bargain at village hall boot fair

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The boot fair runs at the village hall from 8am to noon on Sunday and admission is by donation to the village hall funds. Refreshments will be available.

For more information call 01303 243514 or go online at www.capel-ferne.org.

A Thousand Lights to shine at pub night

FOR a night of electrifying alternative rock, check out A Thousand Lights in Dover this weekend.

The four-piece band has released their debut EP and tracks can be heard online at www.a-thousand-lights.com.

They will be playing at the Prince Albert in Biggin Street on Saturday. For more details about the venue call the pub on 01304 204272.

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PONOMO (U)



This is the latest animated masterpiece from Oscar-winning anime legend Hayao Miyazaki, drawing on Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale The Little Mermaid for inspiration.

THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (U)



Walt Disney makes a break with tradition by casting its first-ever African-American princess in this enchanting reworking of the classic Grimm Brothers fairy tale.

Glimpse of heaven too much of a good thing

BY DAMON SMITH

THERE is life after death in Peter Jackson's visually-stunning interpretation of the bestseller by Alice Sebold, which proves to be one adaptation too far for the Oscar-winning director of The Lord Of The Rings trilogy and King Kong.

Cutting back and forth between the real world and a colour-saturated heavenly limbo, The Lovely Bones details the efforts of a murdered 14-year-old schoolgirl who helps her grieving father apprehend her killer from beyond the grave.

In doing so, the girl's tortured spirit can attain lasting peace, along with those of the murderer's other victims.

Jackson's screenplay, co-written with wife Fran Walsh and Philippa Boyens, is caught in its own limbo, unable to bridge the narrative divide between the two planes where the story unfolds.

A miasma of computer-generated special effects in the otherworldly sections is distracting and we yearn for a speedy return to the drabness of reality.

Fantasy is vastly overrated.

The story begins with youngster Susie Salmon, played by Saoirse Ronan, on her way home from school in early December 1973.

She is lured to her death by neighbour George Harvey (Stanley Tucci), who dismembers the girl and hides her remains in a cast-iron safe in his basement.

Detective Len Fenerman and his colleagues never find Susie, just her woollen hat in a cornfield and traces of the girl's blood.

The teenager's father, Jack (Mark



CAMPAIGN: Mark Wahlberg as father Jack Salmon

Wahlberg), mother Abigail (Rachel Weisz) and booze-soaked grandmother Lynn (Susan Sarandon) are denied a chance to bury the child.

Jack sacrifices his marriage to embark on a tireless campaign to track down his daughter's killer, but there is no evidence, and the police grow tired of his theories.

Classmate Ruth Connors is touched by Susie's spirit and could perhaps provide that vital link between life and death.

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Meanwhile, George watches the Salmons closely from his home across the street, fixating on Susie's younger sister, Lindsey.

"Mr Harvey began to feel a familiar itch," confides the murdered teenager in voiceover. "It had been a long time now..."

The Lovely Bones is hamstrung by Wahlberg's inability to convey a single genuine emotion. He wrings crocodile tears in vain and tries to make us care about his patriarch's quest for vengeance.

Ironically, the dead have far more life, especially Ronan, who delivers Sebold's words in heart-tugging voiceover: "I would like to tell you that it is beautiful here, that I am, as you will one day be, forever safe... but it's not quite like that."

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AFTER stops in France, Italy, Greece and Turkey, catching glimpses of cities such as Rome, Nice and Naples, and seeing the Pope in St Peter's Square, we often wondered what might happen next on our Mediterranean cruise.

Sailing from Barcelona to the Greek islands on the Brilliance Of The Seas, operated by Royal Caribbean International, we were in for more surprises and beautiful sights.

Two weeks at sea took us to our farthest port, Kusadasi in Turkey, gateway to Ephesus – once the second largest city of the Roman Empire. The town itself was a pleasant place, with happy people, happy shopkeepers and samples of Turkish delight, magnificent carpets, leather goods, gold and diamonds.

Naples is the gateway to the historic gems of Pompeii and Herculaneum, buried by erupting Vesuvius in AD 79. You could also tour

■ BY DAVID MASTIN

Sorrento and the Amalfi coast, or settle for lunch on the isle of Capri.

You pay extra for the trips and some are expensive (£135 for a ten-hour guided tour of Rome), but there are shorter, cheaper trips to from which to choose.

And after a hard day sightseeing, it is comforting to know that you will be soon be back to the comfort of the ship, where food – and more food – awaits.

In Barcelona, the transfer from airport to ship was slick and easy, and the Brilliance Of The Seas offered all we could expect, and more. Some passengers treated themselves to a short break in Barcelona before we sailed.

On board, meal times are as flexible as they can make them. There is fixed-time dining in two sittings in the swish Minstrel Restaurant, where you mostly share a table for ten, or you

PROTECTION: Savour the beauty of the Amalfi coast from the Brilliance Of The Seas (below)



can opt for anytime dining by arrangement.

There is also a serve-yourself eating area, the Windjammer, and various snack stations throughout the ship.

In the two speciality restaurants, the Chops Grill boasts 'the best steak on the high seas' while the Portofino serves Italian food. Both charged about £12 extra per person.

All cabins – or staterooms as cruise lines call them – have a TV and a hairdryer, and I could not fault the cabin service.

Food and entertainment – superb shows every night in the Pacific Theatre and various bar combos around the ship – are included in the price, although alcoholic drinks cost extra.

We saw something of so many places in 12 days that would have cost much more going independently, and a cocoon of cruise-ship comfort was a good way of doing it.



- David Mastin was a guest of Royal Caribbean International, which offers 12 nights on Brilliance Of The Seas this summer from £1,372, including flight from Heathrow to Barcelona and transfers. Prices are based on early-May departure.
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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

MY BIG FAT GYPSY WEDDING Channel 4, 9pm, Thursday

CARDS on the table – I thought I knew tacky.

Having been born and raised in the fake-gold capital of the South (big shout out to the Chatham massive), I would have put money on my ability to reach the very core of tackiness and the tacky 'look'.

I've seen many more 'gold' clown pendants, scrunchies and big, almost parrot-perchable, hooped earrings in my time than I'd care to.

I've also seen enough 'celebrity' features in women's magazines to gain a complete understanding of what makes someone/something eye-wateringly tacky, common and unappealing.

Yes, up until last week I would have considered myself an expert on tacky. But I was wrong.

Channel 4's My Big Fat Gypsy Wedding proved that I was a mere tacky rookie and there were deeper levels of gaudiness that I simply never knew existed.

For those of you who missed it, think Jordan's wedding's level of sheer awfulness and times that by 100.

The hour-long show took viewers into the lives of a handful of young gypsy and traveller girls, documenting the run-up to their wedding days.

We were introduced to their families and their fiancés as well as the country's leading traveller wedding dress-maker. For, you see, the dress is the biggest concern for a blushing gypsy bride. And when it comes to the dress the maxim of bigger is better has never held truer.

We're talking dresses weighing up to 27 stone that leave permanent scars. To put it into context, that's like wearing two-and-a-half fully-



TACKOMETER: Channel Four's My Big Fat Gypsy Wedding proved quite an eye-opener

grown men up the aisle while they go to town on your hips with a blunt knife. These dresses billow out to such a degree that navigating stairs/corridors/doors and others becomes a team effort requiring military-type planning.

At one point, a young bride was forced to side-step down a spiral staircase like a demented half-Cinderella, half-crab cross-breed.

And then there were the awful horse-drawn carriages.

And on to the bridesmaids' dresses. I understand it's accepted that the bride may wish to pick unflattering dresses for her bridesmaids to ensure all eyes are on her, but come now, surely there's some limit?

Despite the weddings reaching unknown levels of tackiness, the women underneath the dresses came across incredibly well.

They were shown to be obedient to their parents, respectful and entirely devoted to the sanctity of marriage.

My Big Fat Gypsy Wedding was sold on its shock factor, but perhaps the underlying message is that the gypsy and traveller community – so often marginalised and dismissed by the majority of the population – has a lot to teach us.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

AN OLD fear will rear its head. You need to break free of this phobia. You must admit that you hate being prevented from doing what you like because of panic attacks. An authority figure is doing everything in their power to stop you getting the instruction you need.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

A WELL-CONNECTED friend will grant you access to an exclusive organisation. This is a wonderful opportunity to share a fundraising idea. Don't be surprised if you're offered a job. An older colleague is jealous of your success. Beware of leaving confidential information lying around.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOUR energy and enthusiasm attracts lots of romantic attention. A witty sophisticate could make a pass at you. If you're single, go ahead and take the bait. If not, stay true to your beloved. Your partner is long overdue for a token of your affection.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

TAKING the helm of an important organisation will give you a chance to flex your artistic muscles. Getting paid to create something beautiful is the next best thing to heaven. This time around, you won't have any annoying adults to tell you to put down your work and go to bed.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

A PUBLIC presentation will cause your star to rise. Everybody wants you to be on their team. You'll get several exciting offers this week. Choose the one that affords the most creative freedom. It may pay less than some other jobs, but don't be fooled – you'll be much happier.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

GOING on a last-minute trip will put you in contact with some very influential people. Keep your eyes open for a stylish athlete. Your new acquaintance will tip you off to an exciting job opening. Be sure to ask for a letter of recommendation. Arguments are taking a toll on your nerves.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

PROMOTING the interests of a colleague makes you feel virtuous. Although they will probably never know the extent to which you've helped them, that doesn't matter. You just want to be channelling your energy in a positive direction. Fortunately, a best friend appreciates it.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

THIS is a great time to look for a new home or put a deposit on a piece of property. You'll be able to find a spacious place for a very reasonable sum. The opportunity to teach a class will put you in the path of romance. Someone who admires your ability will ask for a date.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

WORKING behind the scenes yields the best results. You hate compromising your creative vision to a corporate power. If you're able to develop a project in secret, you won't have to alter it very much later. Still, it's important to steer clear of authority figures.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

YOU need to spend money to make money, so if you're looking for work, invest in a stylish interview suit. You may want to pay an expert to update your CV, too. Going on an overseas trip could be in the cards. This will be a marvellous opportunity to combine business with pleasure.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

YOU could find romance while working as part of a team. It's hard to resist someone who makes you feel glamorous and great. If you're already in a relationship, take this opportunity to plan an outing with friends. Being surrounded by friends will create a lovely feeling of intimacy.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOUR overbearing attitude is alienating your friends. Although you're worried that a relative is putting themselves in danger, there's nothing you can do to stop them. Instead of bearing down hard, give them space. Showing faith in their judgment will strengthen your relationship.

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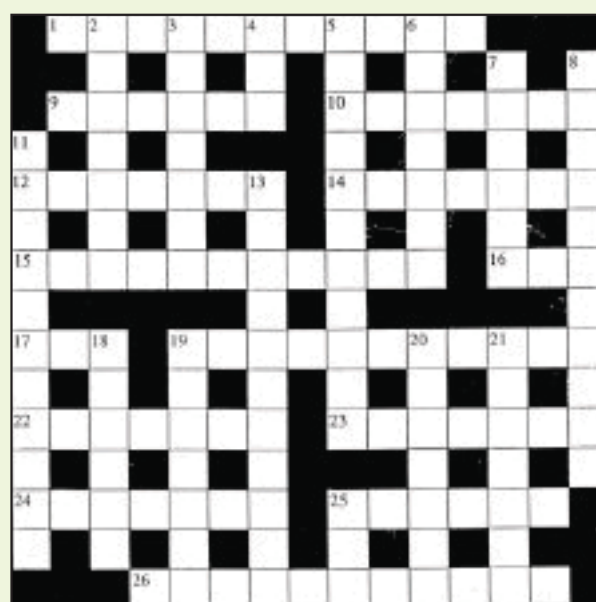
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- 1 Clear shrill sound made at end of this tour (7-4)
- 9 Like a cat's-cradle, hard to explain (6)
- 10 Nobleman laid hog out (7)
- 12 Some in the groups urged strong increase (7)
- 14 Left cockney lady at Caithness town for even more northerly one (7)
- 15 Supposed to have done some magic round city square (11)
- 16 Stool has no sides as well (3)
- 17 Quietly notice writing-paper (3)
- 19 What bloomer could have been made by one in the Twelve? (11)
- 22 Discordant groan by last character with a dress fabric (7)
- 23 Russian physiologist had a meringue dish (7)
- 24 Establish in Iowa perhaps (7)
- 25 Illuminated during daylight hours (6)
- 26 Cheat makes brief alteration (5-6)

DOWN

- 2 Pass made by youngster involving practical skill (5-2)
- 3 Deliver television for nothing (3,4)
- 4 Unprofessional song? (3)
- 5 Learner's joint yearly grant (11)
- 6 Arranged as commanded (7)
- 7 Left during inapt rendering of dirge (6)
- 8 Second person to be aware which item is unspecified, but well-understood (3-4-4)
- 11 Opposite of a dead loss? (5,6)
- 13 Naturally it sticks out at the side of one's face (8,3)
- 18 Get Sid round to break down food (6)
- 19 He bet with an eccentric at a lower level (7)
- 20 Alan and I, about six, went round for the girl (7)
- 21 Making a low sound when anchoring ship (7)
- 25 Ransacking only part of bag (3)

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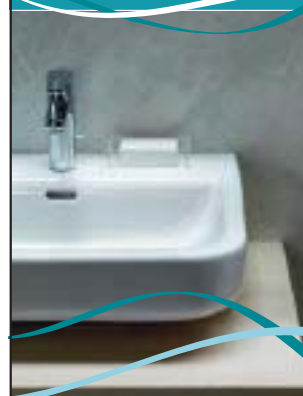
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- 12 Untwist (7)
- 14 Promiscuous (7)
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- 16 Bend (3)
- 17 Knight (3)
- 19 Combination of events (11)
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- 23 Bend (7)
- 24 Strong feeling (7)
- 25 Small group (6)
- 26 Unavoidable (11)

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- 2 Of plant life (7)
- 3 Of the heart (7)
- 4 GP (colloq.) (3)
- 5 Part of the Arabian Sea (7,4)
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- 7 Capital of Croatia (6)
- 8 Tropical disease (6,5)
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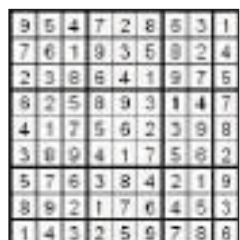
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PROPERTY NEWS



Housing market frozen as snow hits county

THE recent snowfall and icy conditions have affected the mortgage market, putting a hold on many transactions, according to one industry expert.

All aspects of the sector came to a standstill, according to Catherine Hearnden, director of financial advice firm MyMortgageDirect.

"Surveyors weren't able to get properties, people weren't able to view, estate agents were closed, solicitors weren't available," she explained.

Traditionally, warmer weather sees housing activity pick up, with Easter a key time for people to start looking at houses, the mortgage expert continued.

Figures from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors revealed that house prices rose again in January but buyer interest and new instructions to sell fell. Newly-agreed sales fell for the first time in 10 months amid the winter conditions.

Lending shortage puts squeeze on landlords

A TOTAL of 46,000 homes were repossessed in 2009, according to the Council of Mortgage Lenders – a rise of 15 per cent on the previous year and the highest number since 1995.

"Lending continues to be scarce and there seems to be no sign of banks relaxing lending," says David Plaister, managing director of property letting experts LetAssured.

"With the number of repossessions at a 14-year high, the banks' ability to lend is entrenched, and there will continue to be a shortage of funds for landlords in 2010.

"It's a shame that the number of repossessions is causing banks to hold back on lending for good landlords who can afford to borrow.

"Good landlords should be allowed to grow their portfolios. House prices are ideal so it's a great time to buy, but there's still no finance available."



There's room for optimism as the price rise continues

■ BY NICK AMES

LAST month saw house prices rise for the seventh consecutive time, according to the Halifax House Price Index.

The increase was a moderate 0.6 per cent and takes the average price to 9.9 per cent above its trough in April 2009.

The first weeks of February have also seen increased activity in the market causing optimistic forecasts from analysts about the coming months.

According to the Halifax, the Bank of England's interest rate reductions have boosted housing demand, which, coupled with low supply, pushed up prices.

It suggested that house prices would remain flat during 2010, as more people put their properties up for sale.

Currently, the average house price is £169,777, up £15,287 since April last year, while further property figures from Halifax have revealed that house prices increased by 105 per cent during the past ten years.

The Noughties saw prices go up by more in real terms than in any other decade during the last 50 years.

In the latest survey, the Rightmove House Price Index for February 2010 reveals the largest monthly increase since April 2007 and represents a year-on-year increase of 6.1 per cent.

Sellers appear to be hoping for a prosperous new year, and are asking an average of 3.2 per cent more than last month.

This average rise is surprising, given the difficult UK and global economic picture, say experts.

However property in popular locations, such as Kent, remains in short supply, supporting upwards price pressure.

Miles Shipside, commercial director of Rightmove said: "A price jump of more than



three per cent is more comparable to the pre-credit-crunch boom-times.

"Sellers are setting their sights higher, and some agents are going along with them in order to win scarce instructions.

"Property for sale remains scarce in popular areas, but new supply to the market has to be priced at what buyers are willing to pay."

Rightmove site traffic is regarded across the market as a good barometer of prospective

buyer intent, with January proving to be a record month.

Pages viewed were up 29 per cent on January 2009, at 710 million.

January and February are the traditional time for bargain hunters to start shopping around, although analysts say with prices recovering there will be fewer bargains to be had this year, and agents and sellers may have to work harder to put a deal together.

Don't let fraudsters steal your home

THE Land Registry has launched a Protect your Property Campaign to help homeowners who are most at risk of fraud.

Via the Central Office of Information's register of 6,500 organisations they will be distributing a Protect your Property leaflet giving information on how people, especially those in vulnerable groups, can protect their most valuable asset.

The leaflet can also be downloaded from the Land Registry website.

Peter Rodd, a Partner at Thanet based Solicitors, Boys & Maughan said: "The Land Registry's campaign provides homeowners

with information to help them protect their property.

"If you are mortgage-free, no longer live at your property or are a buy-to-let landlord, you should make sure the Land Registry has your details, so they can contact you when someone makes an enquiry about your property."

Last year an attempted fraud was discovered and prevented by the Land Registry because, among other anti-fraud procedures, the owners of the property that was being "stolen" had kept their address for service up to date.

The couple had paid off the mortgage on a

property they were letting and lived at another address.

Because they lived elsewhere, they'd supplied their home address as well as that of the let property as contact addresses for the Land Registry.

Fraudsters impersonating the couple tried to change the named owners on the Land Registry record so they could take over ownership of the let property, but the Land Registry contacted the couple immediately at both addresses and they were able to object to the transfer of ownership and prevent their property from being stolen.

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The property sits on an elevated plot, set back from the road with lawn and path to front door plus an enclosed rear garden.



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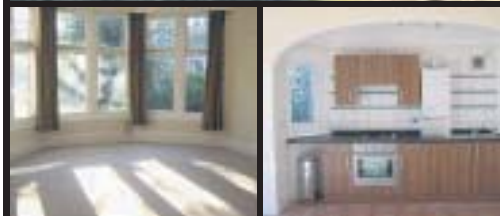
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Offered for sale with no chain! Recently refurbished - internal viewing is highly recommended to appreciate this property located in the West End of Folkestone.

The property is ideally situated within close proximity to Folkestone Central main line station with its high speed rail link to London.

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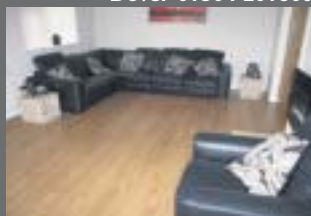
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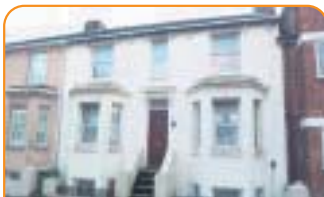
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- Newly built
- No chain



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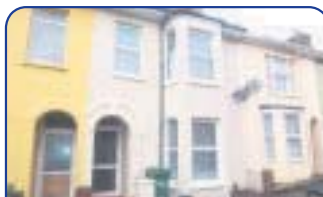
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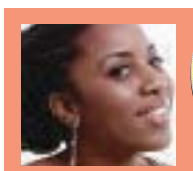
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NOT YOUR BROWN-EYED GIRL, BUT... Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5ft1, loves films, walking, darts, pop, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105

SOUND GOOD? Social lady, 29, likes walks, swimming, vgsch, like to meet a man, 30-55 for lots of fun. Brighton. Box 463984

FANCY A CUDDLE? Loving single mum, 29, shoulder length black hair, brown eyes, 5ft3, slim and sexy, part-time carer, looking for reliable, loving male. Canterbury. Box 464326

IS ANYONE OUT THERE? 31yr old easygoing, independent female, W/LTM cuddly fella to enjoy the finer things in life with, leading to LTR with the right person. Box 87931

COULD I BE THE ONE? Single mum, 33, divorced, looking to meet a man who enjoys walks, going out, time in and out and much more. Maidstone. Box 464635

HORSES FOR COURSES... Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

HAPPY DAYS! Attractive, fun-loving female, 35, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, W/LTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734

A FAIRYTALE ENDING! Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Prince. 5ft8, short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 877957

FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME... Hello I'm Andrea, 35, single 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair, enjoys eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039

SEALED WITH A KISS Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wine and dining, laughing, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box 453079

GROW OLD WITH ME Single mum, 37yrs old, slim build, honest, kind and caring. I'm looking for LTR, love and romance with nice guy in Maidstone area. Box 860164

SEIZE THE DAY Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine adove for friendship and more. Box 42866

LOVE TO LOVE YOU Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102

HISTORIC MEETING? Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

CUTE AS CAN BE Cute single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 897983

FAMILY ORIENTATED Eastbourne based woman, 39, 5ft8, slim/medium build. I'm a single mum, and enjoy cooking, music, family life. If you like the same, get in touch! Box 464034

AN AFRICAN DIAMOND 38yr old African girl, likes cooking, going out, watching films and dancing, seeking a loving and caring boy for companionship and more. Box 446676

DON'T LET ME DOWN Pretty, black female, 38, 5ft4, like football, socialising and cooking, looking for a loving and caring male, 38-42, for a LTR. Box 446684

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CALL ME Single, Asian lady, 41, living in Tunbridge Wells. I'm easygoing and fun loving and W/LTM single male to spend time with. Box 465481

FOR A RELATIONSHIP? Shy but confident once-known female, a mum, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106

TAKE A LITTLE TIME Social lady, 41, 5'3", gsch, likes family life, going out, cinema, walks, staying in, seeking a fun male for company. Sheerness. Box 461145

TLC ON OFFER Bubbly, happy, outgoing 41yr old female, enjoy life to the full, like writing, walking, watching DVDs, W/LTM like-minded, happy-go-lucky, clean male for friendship and more. Box 459271

A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, W/LTM a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551

ANOTHER CHAPTER Hard working PA, 43, single mum, grey-green blue eyes, loves socialising and enjoying life, seeks loyal, honest male to find love with. Sittingbourne. Box 461037

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc, looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with gsch for friendship/relationship. Box 450348

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS Laid-back single mum, very bubbly, outgoing and intelligent, 43, enjoys social life, drinks, meals, cinema; looking to start afresh with someone new, easygoing and life-loving. Box 446102

SWEET AS HONEY Petite, slim, honey-blond lady, 5'4" age 44, enjoys the seaside and horse-racing, looking for a dark-haired, genuine honest and professional man, 25-50 in Brighton. Box 458465

HOW YOU DOING? Attractive, curvy single mum, 44, kind, genuine, loyal and loving, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea. Box 459128

STAY TRUE Attractive, curvy, single mum, size 18, 44, kind, genuine, 5'5", loyal, loving, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea. Box 461830

NEW TO THIS Attractive single mum of 2, 43yrs old, 5ft1, medium build, GSOH, likes cooking, spending time with family & animals, W/LTM fun loving, kind, genuine man. Kent. Box 855182

GENUINE REPLIES ONLY Bubbly female, 44, brunette, n/s, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955

MUST MAKE ME LAUGH!! Young mid 40's female, looking to meet a genuine single male for friendship and eventual long term relationship. Rochester. Box 855449

NOTHING VENTURED... Humble lady, 47, GSOH, down to earth, non-smoker, enjoys life, likes meals and days out, seeks a life-loving guy to enjoy a meal with. Rochester. Box 466286

TAKE IT EASY Maidstone female, 47, looking for someone just for initial company and friendship. Many interests including gardening, cooking and shopping. Box 464973

YOUNG AT HEART Young 46, attractive, fun-loving female, looking for someone fit, handsome, intelligent, full of fun, sexy, Worldly Man to share everything that life has to offer. Box 884113

ENJOY LIFE TO THE FULL Young-looking 46yr old female, 5ft4, slim, blonde, non-smoker, affectionate, loyal, caring, seeking a male, 40-45, up to 5ft7, to share life with. Ashford/Maidstone area please. Box 461938

HELP ME OPEN UP Easygoing lady, 46, dark brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, likes life, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks, W/LTM male to share a bottle of wine with. Box 444585

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME? Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLT. Seaford. Box 444366

MAKE IT ENJOYABLE Pretty, young-looking, slender woman, 49, dark-haired seeks reliable gentleman, 25-49 for a loving relationship. Rochester. Box 460686

NORMAL GAL Female, 48, divorced, and happy, 5ft 7, looking for genuine man, laughter, sincerity, smart, kind, tall honest man, age under 49 and over 30 is a must. Maidstone. Box 866380

ANY TAKERS? Divorced single mum, 49, 5ft4, animal lover, happy go lucky, likes quiet drinks and cinema, looking for a man for friendship, maybe a LTR. Ashford. Box 464557

THE RIGHT FIT Big lady (5'1), looking for decent, genuine man. I'm attractive, and very loving so go on, give me a try! I like cooking and family life. Box 862888

JUST IMAGINE Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, W/LTM genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

HERE AND NOW Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, seeks man to love forever. Box 449524

LOVELY BUBBLY Short 51yr old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, seeking a genuine gent, 45-58, with gsch to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311

CARING & PROFESSIONAL Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings. Box 417100

MEANT TO BE? Very honest, reliable and trustworthy person, 52, 5ft7, blonde with blue eyes, loves cinema, enjoys long term relationship, seeking sociable male with same interests. Ashford. Box 466150

IT COULD BE US Happy-go-lucky lady, 53, 5ft3, slim, blonde-brown hair, blue eyes looking for a tall, honest guy, for love and laughter and happy times. South Kent. Box 464601

A HIGHER LOVE Looking for that special person, I'm a genuine lady, 54 but don't feel it! I'd like to meet someone to love and care for. Canterbury. Box 857551

WOULD LIKE TO BE HAPPY Looking for someone who enjoys the simple things in life; wind and rain in my face, 53, red hair, warm holidays love mowing the lawn. Box 860558

YOU DON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU CALL... Young-looking, hard-working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Heathfield. Box 883410

COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER, HOPEFULLY MORE Curvy & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, W/LTM similar loving male. Box 443642

DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS? Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448863

FIGHTING FIT? Very young 64 year old lady, loves socialising, walks, music, dogs; seeks intelligent, unpretentious ex-forces/fireman male? For committed relationship. Les please leave contact number. Box 462717

Women seeking women

TRUE ROMANCE Fun loving lady, honest, sincere and trustworthy. 41yrs old and looking for fun, maybe romance with an honest, sincere woman. I like nights in/out etc. Whitstable. Box 464494

TAKE A CHANCE Honest female, 43, 5ft2, medium build, fun-loving, likes clubs, pubs, eating out, nights in, looking for a female for friendship to start, hopefully a LTR. Rochester. Box 466078

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS! Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795

SMART MOVE Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship leading to hopefully more. Box 430854

WALKS ALONG THE COAST Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622

MUSIC TO MY EARS Hi my name's Christine, 59, 5'9", slim build, wear glasses, likes live music, theatre, playing darts, looking for slim build male, for friendship, possible more. Box 419914

BE YOURSELF Outgoing lady, active, 60, tolerant, open-minded, loves life animals, and genuine people, seeks a sincere man for romance. Margate. Box 885760

PISCES OR CAPRICORN? Star-struck lady, 59, 5ft3, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes swimming, holidays, the sea; W/LTM tall man with good heart for love. Box 448240

LOTS OF HUGS Positive woman, 60, independent but sociable, I'm 5ft4, red hair/green eyes, slim build. Hythe, enjoys art and walks, seeking similar, intelligent man, lively, reliable. Box 464002

SIMPLE PLEASURES Hi there, I'm a 61yr old lady, blonde hair/green eyes, medium build. I love dancing, walking by the sea and W/LTM like minded gent. Box 459467

BRIGHTENING UP Cuddly lady, 61, 5ft5, blonde, likes swimming, country pubs, cinema and much more. W/LTM tallish single man to hopefully brighten each others lives. Box 870214

SHOW YOU CARE Early 60's lady, 5'2", blonde, blue eyes, likes affection, meals out, cinema, looking for a loving, non-smoker gent in the Brighton area. Box 466036

SAV YES! Brighton lass, 61, 5ft2, blonde, blue eyes, separated, likes going for drinks and socialising, 60's music and going to the theatre. Looking for a like-minded gent. Box 466107

ONLY LOVE Classy, intelligent, happy, slim, attractive, fit and active lady, 60, gsch, enjoys travel, gardening etc. Looking for that special friend to share life with. Box 883791

AYLESFORD ROMANCE Hi my name's Mary, 62, looking for friendship with a kind, honest man. I like walking, meals out and holidays...how about we have a coffee? Box 866080

LET ME DO Loving and caring lady, 63, 5ft3, brown hair/eyes, likes most things in life, looking for a caring and considerate male for friendship, hopefully a LTR. Margate. Box 460082

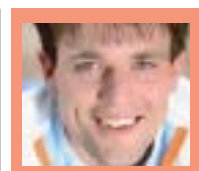
SOMEBODY TO LAUGH WITH... Loving lady looking for companionship, 63, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, loves dancing, walks and animals; seeks similar male with great SOH for lasting happiness. Box 446382

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TAKE A CHANCE Honest female, 43, 5ft2, medium build, fun-loving, likes clubs, pubs, eating out, nights in, looking for a female for friendship to start, hopefully a LTR. Rochester. Box 466078



MEN seeking women

WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET Single dad, 34, 5ft7, brown hair/dark eyes. Hoping to meet a nice woman. I'm laid back and wear my heart on my sleeve. Chatham. Box 464599

BOTTLE OF WINE Hi there, I'm an easygoing male, 35, 5ft9, medium build, brown hair, I'm based in Brighton and enjoy seeing friends, drinks, cinema, walks. Box 450165

DOWN BY THE BEACH Hi I'm Kevin, 37, 6ft1, medium build, loves cinema, music, walks and the sea, seeking similar girl to find love with. Box 449844

MAKE ME SMILE AGAIN Seeking genuine lady, I'm a 38yr old male, 5ft9, dark hair/blue eyes. I work hard and play hard, would like to enjoy spare time with partner. Box 449649

THE GOOD LIFE Young looking male, 39, quiet guy, looking for a LTR, want to relax and enjoy life together, with the right woman. Box 858113

BURSTING WITH LOVE Shy 39 year old man, caring with big heart, looking for that someone to share my life with, into sport, films and having fun. Margate. Box 859647

MAKE ME LAUGH Hard working male, 39, kind, GSOH, intelligent, modest! Likes cooking, the countryside & nights out, seeks fun female for relationship, Maidstone. Box 464266

FISHING & CAMPING! Fun-loving male, 40, not of many words, likes sports, music, reading and films, seeks company and companion. Snodland. Box 465333

SHY AT FIRST Caring loving and genuine guy, hard working and shy at times. I'm 40, slim build, 5ft10, blue eyes, short hair, seeking genuine lady in Kent. Box 465529

FORECAST? 38yr old male with brown hair, big smile, big heart, and big personality seeks caring and affectionate lady for love in all weathers! Box 434270

MAKE YOUR MARK Hi I'm Mark, 40, 5ft8, brown hair and eyes, fit, not ugly, mature, honest, W/LTM someone trustworthy and caring. Box 448372

TO ENJOY LIFE Hi I'm Mark, 40, 5ft8, brown hair and eyes, fit, not ugly, mature, honest, W/LTM someone trustworthy and caring to settle down with. Box 448377

LOOKING FOR A BIRDIE! Hi there, I'm Chris, 38, in good shape, attractive, own place, hard working and honest, loves days out, golf, summer! Looking for loving companion. Box 450317

ETERNAL FLAME Nick, 41, 6ft, slim, dark hair/blue eyes, likes cinema, country pubs and socialising with friends, looking for a kind, caring and considerate female, 35-45. Box 450339

LOVE ON THE DANCEFLOOR Outgoing, young-minded male, 47, smoker, likes war games, books, cinema, castles, places of interest, seeking similar woman to boogie on the dancefloor with. Margate. Box 443750

BIG ATTRACTIVE GUY Gillingham male, 43, 6ft2, blue eyes, dark hair, confident, relaxed, divorced, two grown-up kids, a chef, works hard, loves soul music, seeks soulmate! Box 465158

SIMILAR? LOOKING FOR LOVE? Slim Kent man, 44, dark hair and eyes, loves music, swims and walks, looking for lady to take me as I am. Box 451474

ALONG THE SHORE Romantic male, dark hair, blue eyes, 5'8", caring and loving, likes cooking holidays, the countryside, bowling, cinema, seeking a similar lady 34-56. Ashford. Box 465817

A WOMAN OF SUBSTANCE! Single guy looking for love, 45, dark hair, blue eyes, 5ft6, medium build, very caring and loving, likes holidays and theatre, seeks loving lady. Ashford. Box 466131

TO BUILD A RELATIONSHIP Hard-working, true gent, 44, reliable, trusting, loving, genuine, enjoys sports, cars, socialising, music, films, seeks oriental or black love of his life. Box 451917

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON Athletic male, 43, 6ft, brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoy all the fine things in life, W/LTM a caring and loving female for a LTR. Box 444794

TRY ANYTHING ONCE Tall chap, 44, medium build. Interests: walking, reading, swimming. I would love to meet a nice, honest and caring lady. Box 444566

BIG DEAL IN DEAL Warm, tactile male, 45, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967

WITTY ACTIVE, adventurous, articulate male, 43, own home/car, enjoys shopping, good food, country walks, music, most things, seeks homey, warm, trusting female. Box 408508

TAKE MY BREATH AWAY! Loving single dad, 45, loves his pubs and clubs and running, keeping fit, slim, medium height, seeks similar for mutual fun and companionship... Box 450185

ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS Single guy, 47, 5ft8, been hurt in the past, works full time, looking for a Sussex based lady to share life with. Kids not problem. Box 466082

GAINING CONFIDENCE 47yr old chap, Brighton based, have my own company and I enjoy most things in life. Seeks a fresh start with a genuine local lady. Box 463623

TAKE MY HAND Genuine, honest man, 47, likes dining out, walking, looking to share the good life with a woman, 35-50, Deal, Kent. Box 460441

YOUNG AT HEART Sincere genuine man, 47, but looks younger, 5ft6, cropped hair, blue eyes, single, likes cycling nights in/out, seeks younger female for fun, friendship, LTR. Margate... Box 867708

GET BACK TO ME Good looking divorced man, 48, 6ft, likes keeping in shape, loves music and gigs; seeking slim lady, 30-40, relaxed, laid-back, for hopeful good relationship. Hythe. Box 460338

THE START OF SOMETHING LASTING? Hi I'm 48, hard working, live Eastbourne, seeking female for friendship and companionship and seeing what might happen! Box 447893

THE ROMANTIC KING Easy-going professional 50yr old man, looking for a woman for friendship, maybe more, enjoys most things in life, especially holidays abroad and romantic dinners. Box 452860

LET'S SEE WHERE IT GOES... Gentle kind male, 48, 5ft9, medium build, W/LTM nice, attractive, friendly, fun to be with lady who likes going out and socialising, for friendship first. Box 442869

MAYBE BABY Kind intelligent man, 52, 5ft7, average build, grey-green eyes, enjoys reading, walks and meeting people, W/LTM similar attractive lady for friendship, maybe more? Folkestone. Box 466867

QUIET LIFE Seeking female company, enjoys films, walking, popping down the rugby club, quiet drinks etc. I'm male, 52, 6ft tall, fair hair/blue eyes. Box 446278

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MOTORS NEWS



Jaguar leaping ahead after its 75th birthday

JAGUAR is celebrating 75 years and a return to the roaring form of its 1960s heyday – the big cat launches an all-new XJ flagship (pictured) soon.

This will epitomise escape from an automotive 'Groundhog Day' of continually attempting to recreate the styling of those Beatles era icons.

Sir William Lyons founded Swallow Sidecars in 1922, but re-named it Jaguar in 1935, to launch the much grander SS 100 sports car, following up with icons like the D and E-Types and original XJ saloon.



Juke is no boring box

NISSAN has evolved rapidly from being the 'boring' car brand to the 'bonkers' one.

The Japanese marque now has an array of eye-catchers from the popular Qashqai crossover, through the intriguing Cube city car/MPV to the GT-R affordable supercar.

But even these are upstaged by a new supermini crossover, the Juke – to be built at Nissan Sunderland.

It should provoke much discussion before arriving in October through its bug-eyed funky chunky styling, designed to appeal particularly to the 'bloke market' in an increasingly effete sector.



A 'Lion king' in waiting

PEUGEOT launches its stunning new RCZ sports car in May, but it has already won an international internet poll – 'most beautiful car of 2009'.

A dream car at a near everyday price, the French lion brand will sell it here for £20,450 and undercut cheapest versions of the rival Audi TT by some £6,000 while offering more standard kit.

The sumptuous interior of last year's 308CC also suggests Peugeot has the handle on the cabin quality needed to complement the RCZ's stunning looks.



MARQUE OF RESPECT: Hyundai have given their Santa Fe a facelift for 2010, and made it even better value than previous versions with only diesel options starting at £21,495

Hyundai's Santa Fe now proud to wear its badge

ROAD TEST HYUNDAI SANTA FE

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

contemporary 'carbon black' and everything feels robust and of decent quality, with many stowage places. Standard kit includes reversing sensors, air con and a sound system with aux/USB connection and full iPod control.

Unfortunately, the indicator stalk is mounted to the right – unlike most of the marque's other models – but this is a small minus against the big plus from a new all-aluminium 194bhp 2.2-litre diesel in this revised car.

Even with the slightly deadening effect of the six-speed auto 'box on the test car (Premium trim five-seat auto £24,745), the Santa Fe feels lively for its size, hitting 62mph in 10.2 seconds while averaging nearly 40mpg – 41.5mpg in manual format.

Electronic stability control (ESP) is standard and handling is impressive; the car's height is not accompanied by unacceptable leaning on bends or, at the other extreme, a hard ride.

Of course, it is more 'soft' than off-roader; but the Santa Fe should tackle rough ground well; it runs mostly in two-wheel drive but switches extra traction to rear wheels when a loss of grip is sensed. If you are really mired though, full four-wheel drive can be selected by a switch on the dash.



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VALUE SUPERMINIS

SUPERMINIS are the 'go to' sector for new and used car buyers as the recession forces us all to review our motoring budget. Are there any bargains to be had though, as values continue to rise? Well, there is not much in it, but here are three cars that might fit the bill, being reasonably priced and reliable too – you don't want to save money on a purchase only to have the gains wiped out by more expensive maintenance. They all do their job as small, but roomy all-rounders too...

SKODA FABIA



BADGE snobs have had Skoda jibes stuffed down their throats as the Czech brand continues to score in customer satisfaction surveys – its cars are cheap to repair too. The sweet handling Fabia comes only in five-door hatch and ugly estate formats, but there is plenty of other choice on engine and trim – there is even an impressive diesel vRS hot hatch version. The VW-derived diesels are economy kings, but do not ignore the cheaper to buy petrol models.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

HYUNDAI GETZ



REPLACED last year by the stylish i20, the Getz signalled Hyundai's arrival on the European market, with a thoroughly modern supermini. It does not excel in any area really, but neither does the Korean car fall short anywhere either. Sold in three and five-door form with a five-year warranty, it has some engines in road tax band-B, including an efficient diesel. Securing a good deal – with some warranty intact – should not be hard either, though reliability is not a worry.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

NISSAN MICRA



BORING Nissan? Well, the current Micra has blown that myth apart (pictured). This is the supermini that says you don't have to conform to style to be space-efficient and you don't need a French badge to be chic – although Renault now owns Nissan. The Micra still turns heads and looks 'right' in three or five-door form. It's affordable and reliable, available with excellent diesels and marketed with stylish trim in the dearer versions. There are even some performance models.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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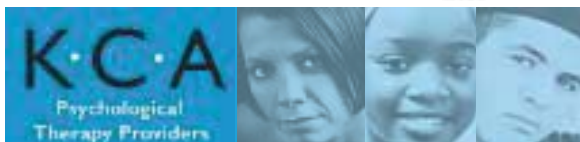
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DEFEAT: Dover battled but lost against Wimbledon

RUGBY

Sharks title bid dented by Dons

Wimbledon 11 Dover 5

A NARROW defeat at Wimbledon on Saturday put a severe dent in Dover's London 1 South title aspirations.

With leaders Gravesend securing a comprehensive victory against Cobham on the same day, the Dover Sharks slipped five points behind their Kent rivals in the race for automatic promotion.

After only three minutes, the visitors failed to secure their scrum at the base and Wimbledon touched down for the simplest of gifts with the extras missed.

The Sharks had a chance to put points on the board four minutes later, but a penalty was missed. The hosts had a prop sin-binned after 25 minutes and Dover took advantage with a quick tap from five-metres, allowing Ben Murray to touch down for an unconverted score.

The visitor's best chance to increase the lead was minutes later from another five-metre scrum but they failed to reach the line and the ball was dropped.

At the final close of the half, Wimbledon charged down a kick and Dover were caught in possession, allowing the home side to take advantage with a penalty.

The second-half saw Dover start on the back foot with Jon Foster sin binned and Wimbledon notching another penalty.

Needing a converted try, Dover put pressure on in the last five minutes and the ball was eventually spread wide with Blair Charge touching down near the posts, only for the score to be disallowed for a forward pass. There was a mixed reaction to the decision but in truth Wimbledon deserved their victory.

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ON TARGET: Striker Adam Birchall (left) rounds Maidenhead goalkeeper Chris Tardif for Dover's opener and is congratulated by his team-mates

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Athletic forget their lines after Birchall's early strike

FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

Dover Athletic 1

Birchall 2

Maidenhead United 1

Collins 52



DOVER Athletic slipped out of the play-offs after failing to beat struggling Maidenhead at Crabble.

Andy Hessenthaler's side dropped to seventh in Blue Square South and travel to Bishop's Stortford on Saturday knowing they need to pick up at least a point to stay in touch with the division's top five.

It all started so well for the hosts on Saturday when striker Adam Birchall opened the scoring after two minutes when he latched onto a long ball from goalkeeper Ross Flitney before rounding the Maidenhead stopper and slotting into an unguarded net.

The home side dominated the remainder of the half and five minutes before the break,

should have doubled their advantage through Birchall. Sammy Moore's defence-splitting pass found the striker in the area, who twisted and turned, before shooting narrowly over.

The Whites started the second-half similar to the first and had another good chance to extend their lead three minutes after the restart. Birchall's cross from the right wing was met by the towering Oly Schulz, but his header was cleared off the line.

With Dover searching for a second they left a gap in their defence and Maidenhead exploited it by scoring an equaliser. A defensive mix up on the right wing allowed Sam Collins to place a lob over Flitney and into the net.

Only a stunning save from Chris Tardif kept out Shaun Welford's goal-bound header on 56 minutes, while the visitors almost grabbed all three points when the lively Collins managed to beat Danny Walder before his low drive was well saved by Flitney. Hessenthaler introduced Luis Cumbers, on loan from Gillingham, and Hakeem Adelakun to try and find a winner, but the game petered out in the final ten minutes, leaving Dover with only a point.

A disappointed Hessenthaler said: "It was a very lethargic and poor game all round to be fair. We had a lot of the ball, but there was no real quality from us. I didn't think we played well in the first-half and it got worse in the second-half, which was disappointing. It was a very

Dover Athletic starting XI



Subs used: Adelakun (Moore 62), Cumbers (Collin 62), Abnett (Birchall 81)

flat afternoon, we huffed and puffed, but these are the games we should be winning."

The Whites travel to Bishop's Stortford on Saturday and Hessenthaler is calling on his side to put the weekend's performance behind them, or risk dropping out of the play-off picture.

"If we go there and win the game, all of a sudden the table changes again," he said. "Bishop's Stortford have got a few problems with finances and players going out and coming in, but you can't underestimate these teams. We know what we have got to do and that's to go there and get a result. We cannot afford to slip out of contention for these play-offs."

Crystal Palace midfielder Hakeem Adelakun has extended his loan stay at Crabble by another month.

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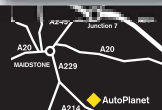
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Invicta shell-shocked as Bourne spring a surprise

FOOTBALL
BY STEVE Tervet

Sittingbourne 2

Akhazzan 24 pen, Bradbrook 81

Folkestone Invicta 0

FOR only the third time this season, Folkestone Invicta must bounce back from a league defeat after coming back from Sittingbourne with nothing.

A game which pitted the Ryman South's two meanest defences against each other was always likely to be short on goalmouth action and so it proved, as the opening 20 minutes took on a cat-and-mouse feel with neither side prepared to show their hand.

Indeed, it took a fine piece of play for the hosts to unlock the Folkestone door in the 24th minute. Karl Dent's neat control and slide-rule pass was perfectly weighted for Hicham Akhazzan, who tumbled under the challenge of Micheal Everitt and was awarded a penalty. The winger dusted himself down and coolly sent Jack Delo the wrong way from the spot to open the scoring.

The deadlock was broken but the game remained a cagey affair until Deren Ibrahim



Picture: IOR KIPKO

Folkestone starting XI



Subs used: Williams (Dickson 50), Spiller (M Everitt 80), Nguyen (Jackson 90)

SAVED: Darren Smith failed to score with this free-kick

did well to hold Darren Smith's low shot at the second attempt.

Ibrahim's afternoon was to be cut short two minutes into the second-half, however. Simon Austin, attempting to latch onto James Everitt's return pass, launched himself two-footed at Ibrahim, leaving the goalkeeper stricken in the six-yard box and earning Austin a straight red card.

It was eight minutes before Ibrahim was stretchered from the field in obvious discomfort, leaving midfielder Billy Manners the unenviable task of keeping the leaders at bay for the remainder of the game.

However, the Brickies soaked up Invicta's

RUGBY



Picture: IOR KIPKO

THRILLER: Folkestone just missed out on a memorable win

Folkestone surge too little too late

Crowborough 21 Folkestone 19

FOLKESTONE were on the receiving end of a purple patch from Crowborough but fought back to fall just short of a thrilling win on Saturday.

Lee Jeffery's side trailed 21-7 at half-time but hit back after the break to get within one score of their opponents. A late penalty could have sealed victory, but the visitors opted to run the ball instead of kicking for goal.

The Stones started well and Adam Tolman continued his superb form with the opening try, bursting up the right wing on a solo run which carved open the home defence. Chris Petley added the conversion to give the visitors a 7-0 lead.

Control

Crowborough then responded with an irresistible spell which saw them run in three unanswered tries to take control of the game. Their first came after a small game of aerial ping pong, before the hosts' backs switched the ball from left to right to score.

Poor defence allowed the home team to score their next try with another move where the backs quickly moved the ball across the pitch to score. Crowborough struck again shortly afterwards, with all three tries converted to give them a commanding 21-7 lead.

The Stones had to defend well to keep Crowborough out early in the second-half, but they gradually grew into the game. A penalty in the home 22 saw Simon Harris take a quick tap and although he was held up before the line, the ball was recycled on to Tolman for his second try. Petley added the conversion.

Drew Woolford reduced the arrears to just two points but significantly the conversion was missed. In the dying minutes they had the chance to complete the comeback, winning a penalty. Harris opted to run, which proved a gamble too far as Crowborough hung on.

Folkestone play Medway at the New Burlington Ground on Saturday.

LEAGUE TABLES

(not including midweek games)

BLUE SQUARE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Newport County	29	21	7	1	+48	70
2 Chelmsford City	31	15	7	9	+52	52
3 Staines Town	30	13	11	6	+16	50
4 Thurrock	29	14	8	7	+15	50
5 Braintree Town	28	13	11	4	+11	50
6 Bath City	30	13	10	7	+14	49
7 Dover Athletic	30	14	7	9	+41	49
8 Woking	29	13	6	10	+2	45
9 Welling United	30	12	8	10	+7	44
10 Havant & Wtoiville	28	11	11	6	+3	44
11 Eastleigh	29	12	7	10	+11	43
12 Bromley	30	12	7	11	+3	43
13 Basinstoke Town	30	12	6	12	+4	42
14 St Albans City	30	11	6	13	-7	39
15 Dorchester Town	31	9	8	14	-13	35
16 Bishop's Stortford	31	9	7	15	-12	34
17 Maidenhead United	28	8	9	11	0	33
18 Hampton & Richmond	26	7	7	12	-13	28
19 Worcester City	29	6	7	16	-9	25
20 Lewes	29	4	11	14	-17	23
21 Weston-super-Mare	30	4	6	20	-25	18
22 Weymouth	29	4	5	20	-47	17

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Folkestone Invicta	26	18	5	3	+20	59
2 Croydon Athletic	26	16	6	4	+31	54
3 Fleet Town	27	15	3	9	+17	48
4 Godalming Town	25	15	3	7	+15	48
5 Worthing	27	15	3	9	+13	48
6 Walton & Hersham	26	13	5	8	+7	44
7 Sittingbourne	25	12	5	8	+16	41
8 Burgess Hill Town	27	11	8	8	+7	41
9 Horsham YMCA	29	9	11	9	+5	38
10 Leatherhead	25	11	4	11	+1	37
11 Dulwich Hamlet	28	9	10	9	0	37
12 Merstham	27	10	6	11	-7	36
13 Clapham Town	28	11	3	14	-11	36
14 Ramsgate	26	9	8	9	-2	35
15 Metropolitan Police	25	9	7	9	+10	34
16 Corinthian-Casuals	28	10	3	15	-11	33
17 Whyteleafe	26	9	5	12	+2	32
18 Chislehead	28	7	6	15	-14	27
19 Walton Casuals	27	6	6	15	-34	24
20 Eastbourne Town	28	4	9	15	-29	21
21 Ashford Town	25	4	8	13	-32	20
22 Whitstable Town	25	6	2	17	-34	20

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Faversham Town	20	16	2	2	+38	50
2 Herne Bay	17	13	1	3	+19	40
3 Hythe Town	15	9	4	2	+27	31
4 Beckenham Town	18	9	3	6	+12	30
5 Erith & Belvedere	19	9	3	7	+3	30
6 Erith Town	17	8	3	6	+6	27
7 Greenwich Borough	18	7	5	6	+3	26
8 Sevenoaks Town	15	7	3	5	+3	24
9 Deal Town	15	6	4	5	-3	22
10 Tunbridge Wells	19	5	7	7	-6	22
11 Sporting Bengal Utd	21	6	4	11	-23	22
12 Holmesdale	17	5	2	10	-4	17
13 Norton Sports	14	5	1	8	-5	16
14 Fisher	20	3	4	13	-25	13
15 Corinthian	18	3	3	12	-20	12
16 Lordswood	17	1	7	9	-20	10

FIXTURES

(Saturday): Blue Square South: Bishop's Stortford v Dover Athletic; Ryman Division One South: Folkestone Invicta v Croydon Athletic; Kent League Premier Division: Deal Town v Sporting Bengal United; Faversham Town v Hythe Town

Crunch time for Hythe after fourth win on trot

FOOTBALL

Hythe Town 3 Erith Town 1

HYTHE Town climbed to their highest league position since September as they kept their faint title hopes alive with victory against Erith Town on Saturday.

The win, Hythe's fourth successive triumph in the league, lifted Scott Porter's side up to third place ahead of a season-defining four days. Town visit the two sides above them, travelling to Herne Bay tonight before facing leaders Faversham Town on Saturday, knowing any slip up will slash their Kent League title chances.

Impressive

A blip in the autumn, coupled with lengthy cup runs, have seen Hythe playing catch-up to their rivals for months. Town's form since has been impressive, with Saturday's win against Erith stretching their unbeaten run to nine games – seven of which have been won.

Victory looked far from secure when, following a slow start from Hythe, Lee Morgan put the visitors in front midway through the first-half.

Nerves at Reachfields were calmed by Craig Thompson's equaliser five minutes before the break. It was the striker's second goal since signing dual registration forms from neighbours Folkestone Invicta.

Thompson was involved in Hythe's second goal just after the hour mark, which saw Erith skipper Dean Kearley put through his



Picture: IOR KIPKO

VITAL: Scott Porter's side face a tough week

own net. The victory was not sealed until the 87th minute, when Steven Ward scored his first goal for the club.

It set Hythe up for a big week, although the trip to Herne Bay could be in doubt due to a waterlogged pitch. Log on to www.yourshewp-way.co.uk for the details.

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